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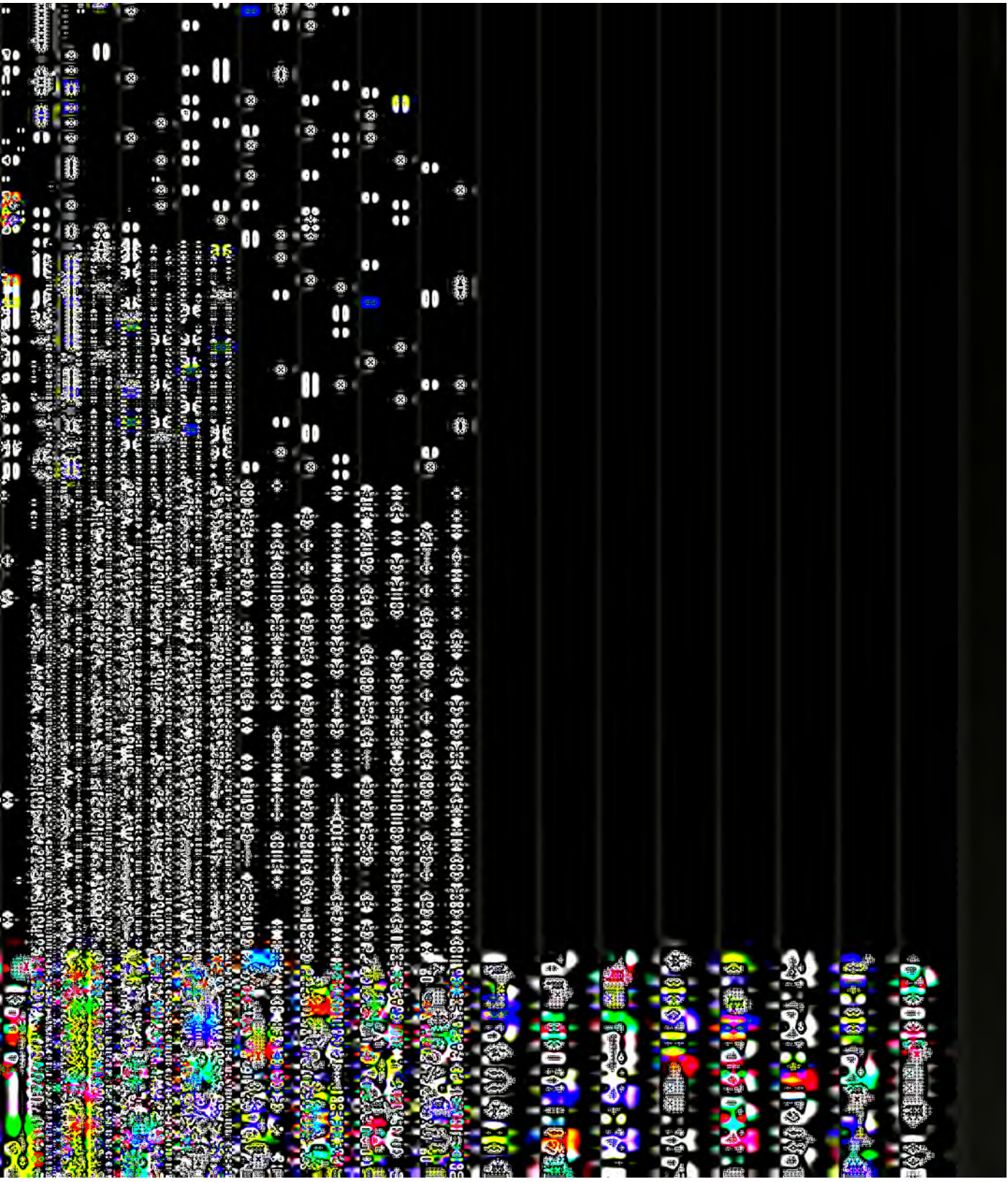
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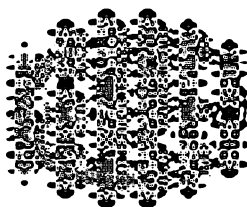
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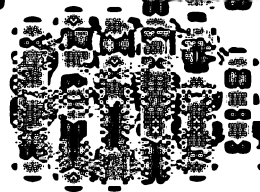
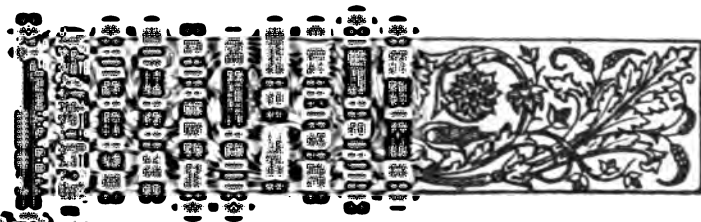


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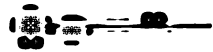
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CII.

RANDOLPH TO BLATHWAYT ON HIS ARRIVAL IN ENGLAND.

*Collection of the Rev. W. T. Blathwayt.*

Plymouth: March . 27<sup>th</sup> 90:

S<sup>r</sup>:

hearing since my arrivall here that Seuerall of our N: Eng<sup>d</sup> vessells by which I sent you larg and perticuler accounts of the vnaccountable proceedings of the Rebels in New Eng<sup>d</sup> and N: Yorke: I beleive it my Duty to acquaint you that vpon their receipt of his Ma<sup>ties</sup> letter of the 12<sup>th</sup> of Aug<sup>t</sup> sent from the Earle of Shrewesburyes office the Bostoners haue interpreted that to be an allowance and confirmation of their Rebellion and Gouvern<sup>t</sup> also: they haue therevpon proceeded to exercise the souerain powers: hauing executed two persons vpon the Breach of their Capitall Laws: and haue ordred 6 Rates to be collected thro the whole Colony for paying the men they sent last Summer to the Eastward to no purpose and One Rate and a halfe more in money to defray the present charge of M<sup>r</sup> Cooke and Oakes their pretended Agents: all which amounts to about 10000<sup>l</sup>: the poeple at our coming away refused to pay those Rates but are dayly threatned to be imprisoned. at the tyme of their Rebellion they lett fall the Customs and Excise hoping thereby to draw the trading men to comply and to submitt to their easye yoake. but the very next day wee were aboard the ship bound for Eng<sup>d</sup> the Gen<sup>l</sup>. Court Ordred all ordinary Keepers to account with the Treasurer for all Beare Wine Syder etc: retailed

retailed by them since the 18 of Aprill last and such as refuse to be rated at *Will* and *Doom* : they expect that his Ma<sup>ty</sup> will grant them a Charter or at least entrust them wholly with the Gom<sup>t</sup> otherwise they will haue no more to do with England. All our Eastern Country from Pemmaquid eastward to Piscataqua is destroyed or deserted for feare of the french and Indians . of which a body of about 400 were at the taking of Pemmaq<sup>d</sup> fort :

the french king has recalled the Marques D'nonvell<sup>ses</sup> and has sent in his place Count ffrontinack : who well vnderstands the Southern Indians wee feared his Attack of Albany this Winter will bee soone M<sup>t</sup> of it whenever he comes before it : that lost, New York cannot hold out long : he has also sent Mouns Perot in Sep<sup>r</sup> last with 2 frigotts to Nova Scotia . where he has begun a larg fortification at Port Royall : and with the helpe of 7 Ketches and a very good Briganteen lately tooke by his frigotts from vs and their masters kept with them will wholly destroy the whale [?] ffishery and not permitt vessells to trade from one port to another.

after M<sup>r</sup> Rigs had deliuered his Ma<sup>ty</sup> letters at Boston . he went to N. York where Leifler was advifed by letters from M<sup>r</sup> Bradstreet that his Ma<sup>ty</sup> did approue of all their proceedings etc : which so farr inflamed him that he forced the letters directed to Cap<sup>t</sup> Nicholson from M<sup>r</sup> Rigs soon after proclaimed him selfe their Ma<sup>ty</sup> Leiftn<sup>t</sup> Gon<sup>t</sup> seizing vpon and imprifoning all persons who do not approue of his actions : he sent Jacob Milburn his Secretary with a force to summon  
and

<sup>ses</sup> This is of course Denonville, who had been recalled in the autumn of 1689.

and possesse himselfe of Albany they stood out but accepted of men from the Bostoners and haue admitted their Agents to treat with the 5 Nations of Indians at Albany : which expedition cost them aboue 700<sup>l</sup> and will turn to their detriment for they went to renew their former Amity with them including in that peace onely the 3 vnited Colonyes : they entertained a Maques Cap<sup>t</sup> and 8 or 9 of his men at Boston carried them aboard ship gaue them guns carried them to their castle and there they fired off some of the Guns : and haue acquainted them with a ready way from their Country down to Boston Colony.

I heare Cap<sup>t</sup> Nicholson is sayld for virginnia with a Commission for to be Leiftn<sup>t</sup> Gon<sup>t</sup> I wish him all happines there, but I feare our leprosy of Rebellion which did so soon ouerspread all the Colonyes will in a very short tyme passe Southward to Virginnia vnlesse tymely stopd by effectuall and seuer punishments vpon the Ring leaders : I shall shew you how bitterly they expresse their malice ag<sup>t</sup> him wee haue men who trade to Virginnia fitt for that purpose and will account it an act of meritt to debauch that poeple . already vneasy vpon the late high duty on Tobacco : they will remember they once had a charter and from the avowed principles of the Bostoners they haue as good reason to sett it vp againe : and will in a little tyme : if the New-Eng<sup>d</sup> Rebels go vnpunishd. I referr you to S<sup>r</sup> Edm<sup>d</sup> Andros his account of the whole no man being so proper a judge of the State and proper remedies to be made vse of to bring them to a settlement : the inclosed paper Tells the world what interest the Crown has in the Colony of the Massachusetts. I left S<sup>r</sup> Ed : and Cap<sup>t</sup>  
Trefry

Trefry well fryday laſt. pray god ſend vs a good meeting  
I am S<sup>r</sup> your moſt humble Seru<sup>t</sup>

ED RANDOLPH

aboute 300 Chriſtians haue been deſtroyed in the provinces of  
New hamp. Maine and the County of Cornwell. (formerly  
belonging to N. York) by the Indians and french ſince the  
18<sup>th</sup> of Aprill : and very Rich bootyes carried away

[*Addressed*] To the Hon<sup>ble</sup>  
M<sup>r</sup> Blathwayt

[*Endorſed*] Plimouth 27 Mar 90  
From M<sup>r</sup> Randolph  
new arrived from New England

### CIII.

#### THE CHARGES AGAINST THE PRISONERS.

*Board of Trade, New England, Vol. V. no. 82.*

(The Charge againſt S<sup>r</sup> Edmond Androſs and others)

Matters objected ag<sup>t</sup> Sir Edmund Andros M<sup>r</sup> Joſeph  
Dudley M<sup>r</sup> Palmer M<sup>r</sup> Randolph M<sup>r</sup> Weſt M<sup>r</sup> Graham M<sup>r</sup>  
Farwell M<sup>r</sup> Sherlock and others as occaſions of their Im-  
priſom<sup>t</sup> in New England.

(1) It is objected againſt Sir Edmund Andros that he be-  
ing Governo<sup>r</sup> of the Maſſachuſetts Colony after Notice of his  
preſent Maj<sup>ty</sup> Intention to Land in England Iſſued out a  
Proclamaçon Requireing all perſons to oppoſe any deſcent  
of Such as might be Authorized by him Endeavoured to  
Stifle

Stifle the News of his landing<sup>304</sup> and Caused him that brought this Kings Declaracon thither to be Imprisoned as bringing a Seditious and treasonable Paper.

(2) That in the time of his Government he without forme or Colour of legall Authority made Laws destructive of the Liberty of the People Imposed and Levied Taxes threatned and Imprisoned them who would not be assisting to the illegall Levies Denied that they had any propertie in their Lands without Pattents from him And dureing the time of Actuell Warr with the Indians he did Supply them with Ammunition,<sup>305</sup> and Severall Indians declared that they were Encouraged by him to make Warr upon the English and he discountenanced makeing Defence against the Indians.

(3) As to all the other persons imprisoned they were accomplices and Confederates with Sir Edmund Andros and particularly M<sup>r</sup> Dudley, M<sup>r</sup> Randolph, and M<sup>r</sup> Palmer, were of his Councill and joyn'd with him in his Arbitrary Lawes and Impositions and in threatning and punishing them who would not Comply, M<sup>r</sup> West was his Secretary and Guilty of great Extorcon and gave out words which Shewed himself noe freind to the English; M<sup>r</sup> Graham was his Attorney at one time and M<sup>r</sup> Farwell at another both Concerned in illegall proceedings distructive of the property of the Subject  
M<sup>r</sup>

<sup>304</sup> That the news of William's landing was suppressed seems exceedingly likely from Randolph's language in writing to Sir James Hayes, *supra*, Letter LXXXII., where he speaks (on 6th January, 1689) of "the sad Newes which every vessell is loaden with from England."

<sup>305</sup> For the persons who really supplied the enemy with ammunition, see *Calendar of State Papers, America and West Indies*, 1691, no. 1875. On this charge against Andros, see *Andros Trials, Introduction*, pp. xxvi-xxvii.



M<sup>r</sup> Farwell profecuted them who refused to Comply with the illegall Levies and M<sup>r</sup> Graham brought Severall Writts of Intrufion againft men for their ow [MS torn] Land And M<sup>r</sup> Sherlock an other perfon Imprifon'd Thō not named in the Order acted there for Some Years as an high Sherriffe thō he was a Stranger in the Country and had noe Eftate there dureing his Shreivalty he Impannelled Juries of Strangers who had noe freehold in that Country . And Extorted unreafonable Fees.

Apr. 14<sup>th</sup> 1690

14 Apr: 1690

[*Endorfed*]

Charges

Ag<sup>t</sup>

S<sup>r</sup> Edm<sup>d</sup> Andros & others

Rec<sup>d</sup> from M<sup>r</sup> Humphrey

14 Aprill 1690

Read 16 Apr: 1690

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#### CIV.

#### RANDOLPH TO BLATHWAYT ON THE WAR IN IRELAND.

*Collection of the Rev. W. T. Blathwayt.*

S<sup>r</sup>

Waterford 22 : Aug<sup>t</sup>

I arriued vpon the Jarfey frigott at Duncannon fort came heither at 11 this night poft from paffage : where I am made very welcome by Coll: Brewer<sup>398</sup> Gon<sup>r</sup> of this town.

the

<sup>398</sup> For Brewer, see Luttrell's *Diary*, Vol. II. p. 158.

the 30000<sup>b</sup> sent to Dublin for the Army . was vpon the News of Sasseilds taking some of the Artillery and Waggons ordred to be sent by sea and is brought heither vpon the Jarley : I am going to the Camp and hope to be at the taking of Limerick which is supposd will not hold out longer then Sunday or Munday next : 3000 of the Irish which made a Sally out of the town being for the most part cutt off and about 700 hangd by order of L. G. Kerke : <sup>307</sup> I am hasting from hence and desire my humble seruice to Madam Winter<sup>308</sup> to y<sup>r</sup> Lady and to y<sup>r</sup> sisters to S<sup>r</sup> Ed. Andros whose commands I shall not forgett to M<sup>r</sup> Chaplin and to M<sup>r</sup> Povey : of my Adventures you may expect an account at my return. I am S<sup>r</sup>

Your most humble Seru<sup>t</sup>

ED RANDOLPH

M<sup>r</sup> Povey I intreat the favour of you to send the inclosed by y<sup>r</sup> seru<sup>t</sup> as directed ;

[*Addressed*] To the Hon<sup>ble</sup>  
M<sup>r</sup> Blathwayt.  
at Whitehall :

[*Endorsed*] Waterford 22 Aug : 1690  
From M<sup>r</sup> Randolph

CV.

<sup>307</sup> This remarkable statement is not substantiated by history. As a matter of fact the siege of Limerick was raised, and the town was not captured till the

autumn of the next year, after a siege of some weeks.

<sup>308</sup> Blathwayt's mother-in-law : he had married the heiress of the Wynters of Gloucestershire.

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## RANDOLPH TO BLATHWAYT: THE SIEGE OF LIMERICK.

*Collection of the Rev. W. T. Blathwayt.*

from the Camp before Limerick  
[Sept.] 29<sup>th</sup> 90.

S:

I thanke god the Camp agrees very well with me and with Coll Leuson<sup>300</sup> whom I found very well and Braue ; he desired me to present his seruice to M<sup>r</sup> Justice povey to you and M<sup>r</sup> Jō. Povey: 27<sup>th</sup> at 4 in the afternoon . began a sharp assault of the Breach made in the walls of the Irish Town : Coll. Douglas his men much wounded many kild and many officers lost in his Coll Cutts Regiment and the Dutch Regiments, Cutts much wounded and aboue 20 Dutch officers : they had entred the breach but were repulsed : and the losse most vpon the Granadeeres who were foremost in the Action : the Irish had made a mine in their Trenches which they blew vp so soon as our men entred them. Our men had possession of a Counterfcarp and of the Spurr nigh the Breach but were knockd at head with stones from the walls : and tho the Breach was very larg yet the defendants had made it vp with Turfe and had made turn pikes at the entry of the streetes so that our men were kild with puffh of pike and hand granadoes. the losse on our side is not known. yesterday a Drummer was sent for

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<sup>300</sup> This is no doubt Col. Leveson pp. 282, 289. Luttrell also mentions (pronounced Lewson), for whose exploits see Luttrell's *Diary*, Vol. II. Col. Douglas with respect (Vol. II. pp. 84, 155).

a parley to bury our dead but they refused it they are stripd and lye in their Trenches and nigh their walls. Our Gunns continue to Batter at the old Breach and at the Bridge betwixt the Old and the New Town. pray god fend vs faire weather. this action has very much animated the defend<sup>rs</sup> wee haue reports of partyes getting together at feuerall places : Cork and Kingfale will be encouraged from hence to hold out. tis difficult to travell the Country. pray god prosper his Ma<sup>ty</sup> in this as in his former attempts. my humble seruice to y<sup>r</sup> Lady to S<sup>r</sup> Edm<sup>d</sup> Andros to M<sup>r</sup> Chaplin and M<sup>r</sup> Povey I am S<sup>r</sup> your most obliged Ser<sup>t</sup>

ED RANDOLPH

[*Addressed*] To the Hon<sup>ble</sup>  
M<sup>r</sup> Blathwayt  
at Whitehall  
present 10<sup>d</sup>  
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[*Endorsed*] Limerick Camp 29 Sept : 90  
From M<sup>r</sup> Randolph

CVI.

RANDOLPH TO BLATHWAYT ON HIS ARRIVAL IN VIRGINIA.

*Collection of the Rev. W. T. Blathwayt.*

James Citty : in Virginnia  
Aprill 21 : 1692.

S<sup>r</sup>:

I wrote you by a Leverpool man . whom I mett at sea ye 2 instant, I arriued here ye 5 following, & receiued from Cap<sup>t</sup> Nicholson y<sup>r</sup> letter of ye 5 of Jan<sup>y</sup> inclofing a copy of  
yours

yours of the same date to Coll Copley in my favour. he sent ye originall to Maryland by M<sup>r</sup> Harpam y<sup>e</sup> Coll<sup>l</sup> seruant who brought letters from the Coll to Cap<sup>t</sup> Nicholson.

the Coll : arriued in ye Alburrow Ketch in york River ye 25 of March the next day Cap<sup>t</sup> Nicholson made him a visite at Coll Jennings house, they haue fetled a Correspondence which will be of Import to their Ma<sup>ties</sup> seruice the next day he went to S<sup>t</sup> Maryes & I heare well arriued. The Conception frigott Cap<sup>t</sup> ffairfax Commander mett vs at sea, & kept vs Company into the Capes. I heare no News of S<sup>t</sup> Thō. Laurance, the Assistance frigott arriued 2 dayes before & sent y<sup>r</sup> Letters with my Instructions from y<sup>e</sup> Custome house to Cap<sup>t</sup> Nicholson (putt aboard the ship providence at Plymouth) so that I am now qualified to enter vpon busines with the Collectors: the Gen<sup>l</sup> assembly began to sitt the day before I came to this town. Cap<sup>t</sup> Nicholson ordred my deputation from y<sup>e</sup> Custome house to be read to them & entred in their bookes.<sup>400</sup> & made an Order in Councill directing all officers Civill & military to be aiding to me etc: & That to be published in all their County Courts. he is very strict vpon y<sup>e</sup> Collectors & vnwilling any longer to depend vpon their care. he went to Cape Charles & Caused the ship William & Mary of London Thō. Meech M<sup>r</sup> from Scotland . to be seized who had entred with one Coll Custis one of ye Councill, & loaded 200 Hogg<sup>ds</sup> of Tobacco . vpon his producing a false Coquett & 2 countrefeit Certificates onely:

<sup>400</sup> The despatch with which Nicholson acted may be judged by the fact that Randolph arrived on the 5th of April, his Commission was read on the 6th (*Calendar of State Papers, America and West Indies*, 1692, no. 2155) in the Assembly, and in the Council on the 12th.

onely : which makes them troubled that he will not leaue the busines of ye Customs to their manage onely as did my L<sup>d</sup> Culpepper & L<sup>d</sup> Effingham.

An Information was brought ag<sup>t</sup> that ship in ye Gen<sup>l</sup> Court at James town . ye 15<sup>th</sup> instant for sayling to ye plantations with 3 fourths of the Mariners Scots.<sup>401</sup> but vpon my pervsall of his coquetts which was all wrote in Scotch & pretended to be from Barwick . & his 2 certificates One from Bewmauris to take vp his Bond of 1000<sup>lb</sup> & ye other from Barwick with the same hands of 4 of ye Comm<sup>n</sup> of ye Custome houle to both of them most palpably counterfeited, I caused her to be prosecuted vpon ye Act of ye 15<sup>th</sup> of K: C: ye second. Cap<sup>t</sup> Nicholson was very severe with Coll Custis . for allowing them . who also Traded with Meech. (as all the Collectors formerly haue done with Interlopers & stick not out when a profitable cargo offers) but because he was one of ye Councill (forsooth) his brethren very much resented it, & he is by their mediation continued in his Office till the ships which entred with him in the spring bee cleered . but ag<sup>t</sup> Cap<sup>t</sup> Nicholfons will. he has appointed M<sup>r</sup> Scarburrow (S<sup>r</sup> Charles his Nephew) to succeed Coll Custis in that Office, I appeared in Court ag<sup>t</sup> ye Interloper (which renders me an vnwelcome Guest to some of them) but all to no purpose for Court & Jury were resolued to cleer the ship making onely a bare order . That the ship should be appraised & Meech to enter into security to pay  
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<sup>401</sup> By the Acts of Trade and Navigation it was required that three-fourths of the crew of a ship loading to the colonies must be English subjects, Scotland, of course, being at the time a separate kingdom. Cf. the Summary of the Acts in Adam Smith's *Wealth of Nations*, Book IV. chapter II.

ye value of that appraisment if ye Comm<sup>r</sup> of ye Customs did not allow & approue of that Coquett & those Certificates : which is a meer sham . & I am confident since 4 of ye Collectors then on ye Bench being ye major part of the Court would not find for their Ma<sup>ties</sup> in so plaine a fraud , I haue no ground to depend vpon their fidelity in matters relating to the Customs where their Interest & honour lyes at stake . for they value themselues much vpon being Patriotts & promoters of the Common good. Some of y<sup>e</sup> Burgeffes told me . I was welcome If I came for good of ye Country. howeuer Cap<sup>t</sup> Nicholson would not be so baukd by them but gaue directions to ye Commander to putt some of his men aboard that ship to bring her vnder his stern & Convey her to London. he will bring with him the 2 Certificates & her Coquett to ye Comm<sup>r</sup> of ye Custome house.

S<sup>t</sup> so long as the Office of Collector of the Customs is entailed vpon one of ye Councill . it will be never otherwise . vntill ye Comm<sup>r</sup> of the Customs do appoint their Offices here as in other plantations . without regard to the qualification of a Councillor : for in the first place . Not one of the Collectors voutsafe to go a'board ships vpon their arrivall . nor appoint persons to do it; but leaue the honest M<sup>r</sup> to do as they please. their cheife busines is . to secure ye 2<sup>d</sup> p Hogg<sup>d</sup> & their fees. (which some yeares amounts to 150<sup>lb</sup> a yeare to a Collector) some of them liue 40 | or | 50 some 100 miles from places in their destrikt where ships load tobacco, & when y<sup>e</sup> M<sup>r</sup> cleere they giue a Content of their Loding vnder their hands in writing & sweare that is all they haue on board (to the best of their knowledge) which is as much as nothing, Coll Christopher Wormley Coll : at Petomack .  
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liues on ye fouth fide of Rapahannack : he has employed one Coll : Griffin an honest gen<sup>l</sup> & diligent in his busines but allows him no boat . & but a small salary, so that the Collectors places in virginnia are rather perquisites & intended to enrich y<sup>e</sup> members of ye Councill then to secure their Ma<sup>ties</sup> Revennue, which rises or sincks . according to y<sup>e</sup> Care or neglect of the managers of it in this place. What can be expected from Coll. Jennings one of ye Councill & Collector of york River (a man otherwise well qualified for ye place) who was putt in by ye L<sup>d</sup> Effingham vpon giuing bond to pay his Lords<sup>70<sup>th</sup></sup> a yeare during his being in that Office. Coll Paige in the vpper part of James River is lately dead. there are 2 or 3 of ye Councill Competitors for that place (Some of them liue very remote euen quite out of ye way of that busines.) but it is hazardous for Capt. Nicholson to break with ye whole Councill in matters which the generall practice of all Gon<sup>rs</sup> haue allowed . till he haue an expresse order to make an alteration fundamentally amongst them : The Tryall of ye Interloper is ouer & I am quite tyred with the starchd Conuersation & Spannish Gravity of y<sup>e</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> Assembly . & hearing of some Interlopers on Maryland fide J am going that way & may perhaps step as far as NewCastle in delaware bay : lying between hauk & Buzard . has been made a free port . from thence Dutch & Scotch goods are imported into Maryland . & tobacco from Maryland to vessells at NewCastle . which carry it directly to holland & Scotland. I know not wheither I may haue the good fortune to meet with any of them but it will be a seruice to their Ma<sup>ties</sup> to lett the poeple know that I am yet aliue & ready att all tymes to bid them welcome : Cap<sup>t</sup> Nicholson  
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during the troubles in Maryland tooke all the care he could with the Officers of ye Customs there to be diligent in their dutyes the Great man M<sup>r</sup> Blacstone<sup>402</sup> has been very remisse . & now the affaires of state elevate him aboue that of ye Custome house : I hope to gett y<sup>r</sup> Commission allowed of there (the Convention sitting as I am told ye 10<sup>th</sup> of next month)

S<sup>r</sup> I haue wrote to ye Comm<sup>rs</sup> of the Customs by this conveyance but dare not in my first addresse been so perticuler as I haue been to you neither am I willing they should know of my going to Maryland as yet because by their Instructions I am to stay here till till I haue Completed my Survey : my arrivall so late in ye yeare will not suffer me to provide so much black walnutt wood as I intended to haue done. I find in all respects between Virginnia & ye Notions I had of the place when I was at the Plantation Office. Cap<sup>t</sup> Nicholson is sincere & indefatigable in their Ma<sup>ties</sup> service he will send you some black Walnutt to Bristoll. I hope for some at Maryland. I had forgott to mention to you that till there be here a Court of Exchequer to trye causes of ye Crown erected : with an able resolute Judg sent heither from Eng<sup>d</sup>. It will be to no purpose for me to seize Interlopers or putt their Bonds in suite. my humble service to all freinds I write to S<sup>r</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Southwell some parts of the Contents hereof, I am not able to write duplicates of all my letters if so I can do nothing else but write: pray lett me haue the  
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<sup>402</sup> Nehemiah Blakiston's career until his death is sufficiently traced in the succeeding letters. He had been a supporter of John Coode in his rebellion

against Lord Baltimore's rule (*Calendar of State Papers, America and West Indies*, 1690, no. 964, etc.).



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favour of y<sup>r</sup> Commands by all oppertunityes. It would exceedingly promote Correspondence if the L<sup>ds</sup> of ye Committee for trade would please to order that before any ship bound heither haue their Certificate from ye Custome house that you haue tymely notice of it. wee had a vessell in 6 weekes from Leverpool which came out in ffe<sup>br</sup> last wishing you all happines in the health & prosperity of ye little M<sup>r</sup> & pritty Misse I am S<sup>r</sup>

your most humble & most faithfull fert.

ED RANDOLPH /

[*Addressed*] To the Hon<sup>ble</sup>  
M<sup>r</sup> Blathwayt :  
at Whitehall  
humbly present.

[*Endorsed*] Virg<sup>a</sup> 21 Apr 92  
From M<sup>r</sup> Randolph

CVII.

RANDOLPH TO POVEY ON HIS RECEPTION BY COPLEY.

*Collection of the Rev. W. T. Blathwayt.*

S<sup>t</sup> Maryes in Maryland  
May 12. 1692 :

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The information I had of some interlopers being in the Eastern harbors of this province together with a desire to see what Coll Copley will do about M<sup>r</sup> Blathwayts Commiffion of Auditor <sup>408</sup> etc. hastens my coming heither. I find him  
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<sup>408</sup> There is among the Blathwayt Copley dated 26th June, 1692, in which, documents a complaining letter from after throwing doubts upon Blathwayt's commission

grown very fatt he drinks much & pleases himfelfe in amufing the Eafye hearers with larg & fulfome difcourfes of his conduct in obtaining this Gom<sup>t</sup>: he promifed me to promote M<sup>r</sup>: Blathwayts intereft . but was not pleafed to find it not renewed in K: W: tyme, & in his cupps told me, he was a great Enemy to K: W: and Q: M: in not entring true Minues in my L<sup>d</sup> Baltamores cafe: I fpend my morning in doing little the Gon<sup>t</sup>: not riling till 11 or 12: I am going to Summerfett County in this province . where the Scotch Interlopers haue beat ye Englifh out of all Trade, about 14 are already fayld fome yet remaining, if I can not feize them now . I hope to discourage their coming another yeare, The 10<sup>th</sup> the Gen<sup>l</sup>: Affembly began to fitt the Gon<sup>t</sup>: tho' very much indifpofed held vp to make them a fpeech . foon after had an Apoplectick fitt.<sup>404</sup> & is dangeroufly fick. this aire & intemperance will foon make room for another: I haue feen M<sup>r</sup>: Blackftone their prefid<sup>t</sup>: as full of flattery tho not fo crafty as M<sup>r</sup>: Dudley. the Councill is compofed of fhreds like a Taylers cushion . of fome Englifh Scotch & Irifh. the latter are open abettors of the illegall Trade: the  
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commiffion of Auditor General as iffued only in King Charles's reign, he goes on to complain of "the bafe and ungentlemanly practices of Lord Baltimore againft me, when in England by offering my Creditors their Debtds [sic] and fumms of money to Baliffs to ftop my paffage"; and he appeals to his family connections. (He was apparently of the Yorkfhire family of the name, feated at Sprotborough.) Blathwayt's reply is fharpe; after juftifying his commiffion he goes on: "I have forborn to make my complaint to the

L<sup>d</sup> of the Treafury whose subordinate I am for the very reafon you mention — which is my refpect for your family and confideracion." The *Narrative and Critical History of America* (Vol. V. p. 259) wrongly fpeaks of Copley as Sir Lionel Copley.

<sup>404</sup> The fpeech is given below. The attack feems to have occurred before the next day's meeting, when Blakifton prefided in confequence of Copley's indifpofition (*Calendar of State Papers, America and Weft Indies*, 1692, no. 2225).

people as yet haue this Gon<sup>r</sup> in great admiration, tho' not a few know his circumstances at home: & feare he will proue another man in tyme. here is no fetled communication betwixt this place and virginnia. I find it very difficult & exceffiue chargeable in travelling here, my humble seruice to M<sup>r</sup> Blathwayt . to M<sup>r</sup> Chaplin & to M<sup>r</sup> Parry. pray deliver the inclosed as directed I am S<sup>r</sup>

y<sup>r</sup> most humble & most obliged ser<sup>v</sup>:

ED RANDOLPH.

to M<sup>r</sup> Povey

a duplicate by Cap<sup>t</sup> Perigrine Brown Command: of ye Bayley of London.

[*Endorsed*]

S<sup>t</sup> Mary's

Maryland | 12 May 1692

From M Randolph

Rec<sup>d</sup> 19 July 92

[*Addressed*]

ffor their Ma<sup>ty</sup> special seruice

To the Hon<sup>ble</sup>

Mr Blathwayt

at Whitehall.

by Cap<sup>t</sup> John Brown Commdr.

of the Ship Will & Mary of

London.

## CVIII.

## RANDOLPH TO THE COMMISSIONERS OF CUSTOMS ON THE VIRGINIA COLLECTORS.

*America and West Indies, 637. no. 110.*(Copy of M<sup>r</sup> Randolph's L<sup>r</sup>e & to y<sup>e</sup> Com<sup>rs</sup> of the Customs)James Citty June 27<sup>th</sup> 1692May it please yo<sup>r</sup> Hon<sup>rs</sup>

By mine of ye 21 of Apr<sup>l</sup> past sent yo<sup>r</sup> Hon<sup>rs</sup> under L<sup>t</sup> Govern<sup>r</sup> Nicholfons Cover & duplicates of y<sup>e</sup> fame date by Cap<sup>t</sup> Scott of Bristoll to which I humbly referr yo<sup>r</sup> Hon<sup>rs</sup> I inform'd y<sup>e</sup> upon my arrivall here I found ye Gen<sup>l</sup> assembly sitting & could not then enter upon my survey with ye Collect<sup>rs</sup> being all members of ye Councill, ye L<sup>t</sup> Govern<sup>r</sup> had Caused ye shippes W<sup>m</sup> & Mary of London (Tho<sup>s</sup> Meech A Scotchman & an old transgressor M<sup>r</sup>) to be seiz'd she was admitted by Co<sup>l</sup> Custifs late Collect<sup>r</sup> at accomack to trade tho: his Coquet & Certificates are forgd (which L<sup>t</sup> Govern<sup>r</sup> Nicholson sends to yo<sup>r</sup> Hon<sup>rs</sup> by this shipping) I assisted ye Inform<sup>r</sup> to prosecute Meech's ship upon breach of ye Act for encouragm<sup>t</sup> of Trade att ye tryall his Coquet & Certif<sup>tes</sup> by comparing them in Court before ye Jury with severall of yo<sup>r</sup> Hon<sup>rs</sup> Letters & with true Certif<sup>tes</sup> by w<sup>ch</sup> they appeared to be Counterfiete y<sup>e</sup> Jury brought in a Speciall verdict referring y<sup>e</sup> matter to ye Court. Co<sup>l</sup> Cole ye President w<sup>th</sup> ye 2 Wormleys & Co<sup>l</sup> Jennings all Collect<sup>rs</sup> of ye Customs & ye maj<sup>r</sup> part upon ye bench did not see cause to give Judgm<sup>t</sup> for their Maj<sup>ties</sup> but in stead thereof made an order made use of  
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in Meech's favour who is since sayld giving 500<sup>l</sup> security to answer ye value of ye ship & goods haveing nigh 300 hds of Tobb<sup>o</sup> aboard all of itt apprized (Ship & Cargoe) but at 371<sup>l</sup> (the worth above 1000<sup>l</sup> ster<sup>l</sup>) if he doe not procure a Certif<sup>o</sup> under yo<sup>r</sup> Hon<sup>rs</sup> hands & seale y<sup>t</sup> his goods Imported this last voyage were legally Loden aboard at Berwick & y<sup>t</sup> his Coquet was good : & also his Certif<sup>o</sup> to take up his bond last year were so Likewife.

Upon Informa<sup>t</sup> y<sup>t</sup> Jones & Guin M<sup>rs</sup> of 2 New Engl<sup>d</sup> vessells belonging to Boston were loading Tobb<sup>o</sup> in Potomocke River nigh M<sup>r</sup> Blackstones house Collect<sup>r</sup> of ye Customs on Maryld side & also y<sup>t</sup> 2 ships from Scotland were lately arrived att ye Eastern shore of y<sup>t</sup> Province I made all possible speed to Co<sup>l</sup> Copley their Maj<sup>ty</sup> Gov<sup>r</sup> at S<sup>t</sup> Maries where I Came ye 4<sup>th</sup> of May & having my deputa<sup>t</sup> from yo<sup>r</sup> Hon<sup>rs</sup> registred I went from thence to M<sup>r</sup> Blackstones to examine his books & acc<sup>ts</sup> & to see what security those new Engl<sup>d</sup> mast<sup>rs</sup> had given & also w<sup>t</sup> goods they Imported & from w<sup>t</sup> place I met him within a mile from his house pretending hee was going to S<sup>t</sup> Maries w<sup>th</sup> some difficulty he returnd w<sup>th</sup> mee, I told him I had great reason to believe y<sup>t</sup> ye 2 New Engl<sup>d</sup> ships were bound for Scotland in regard Bourland a Scotch Merc<sup>t</sup> who lives in boston & Colours Scotch shipping was Owner of Guin's shipp & I believe of Jones's also, m<sup>r</sup> Blackstone excused my not seeing his books & papers or his shewing me their security telling mee his Clerk was from home but would give me full satisfact<sup>n</sup> in all those matters att S<sup>t</sup> Maries from thence I went to M<sup>r</sup> Plater Collect<sup>r</sup> of ye Customs att Petuxent River he shew'd me a foul entry of some vessells made w<sup>th</sup> him this year but in no  
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Regular Method he told me he was not possesst w<sup>th</sup> ye books & papers of M<sup>r</sup> Paine (late Collect<sup>r</sup> there) w<sup>th</sup> office Abington an Ordinary Keeper Managed till put out & Plater made y<sup>e</sup> Officer by m<sup>r</sup> Blackstons procurem<sup>t</sup>) & y<sup>e</sup> he could not get them without my Order w<sup>th</sup> I gave & soon after they were delivered to him amongst w<sup>th</sup> he found severall bonds & no Certificates to discharge y<sup>m</sup> 14 of which I ordered to be put in suite; some time after I met m<sup>r</sup> Blackstone att S<sup>t</sup> Maries & in ye Gov<sup>r</sup> p<sup>r</sup> fence demanded of him to see Jones & Guin's bonds he told me they were in ye Navall Officer's hands &c I desired ye Gov<sup>r</sup> to lay his Comands upon him not to clear those vessels till I was satisfied in their security & then w<sup>th</sup> much difficulty I got a passage over ye bay to somerset County on ye eastern shore in Maryld upon my landing I went to Maj<sup>r</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> King then Navall officer appointed in ye late revolution I found ye ship providence of London 80 Toñ W<sup>m</sup> Makay of londerry M<sup>r</sup> entred ye 8<sup>th</sup> of Apr<sup>l</sup> last he hath imported a larg Cargoe of Scotch goods from Berwick as his forgd Coquet of ye 15<sup>th</sup> day of x<sup>tr</sup> 1691 mentions wrote in broad scotch ye M<sup>r</sup> entring outward for virginia as appears by ye enclosed Coppy thereof (N<sup>o</sup> 1) I found Y<sup>e</sup> his Certific<sup>n</sup> of ye 26<sup>th</sup> day of Novemb<sup>r</sup> last was from Berwick & forgd also fil'd vp w<sup>th</sup> some scotch words & in y<sup>e</sup> Certif<sup>n</sup> he is mention'd to be bound for virg<sup>a</sup> The ship Catherine of londerry 50 Toñ Andrew Crookshanks M<sup>r</sup> entred w<sup>th</sup> that Officer ye 16<sup>th</sup> of Apr<sup>l</sup> following & left with him a Coquet only dated itt Whitehaven ye 13<sup>th</sup> of Octob<sup>r</sup> 1691 not mentioning to w<sup>r</sup> port he was bound his & Makay's goods were all scotch Manufacture Makay loaded att leith & Crookshanks there or at Glascoe I seiz'd Makays ship ye 23<sup>d</sup> of May in  
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Annameffex & Crookshanks barque on ye 27<sup>th</sup> following in Manokin m<sup>r</sup> Layfield Collect<sup>r</sup> of ye Costoms in ye destri<sup>c</sup>t had signed both ye Coquet & Certif<sup>e</sup> allowing them to be good & y<sup>e</sup> Navall officer sd he believed also they were good they had each of y<sup>m</sup> a Scotch servant out of Makay's Ship but ye termes I know not I return'd ye 30<sup>th</sup> following to S<sup>t</sup> Maries & acquainted ye Gov<sup>r</sup>. I had seiz'd 2 scotch Veffells and desired a Court for speedy Tryall appointed to be held on ye first of June following during my Absence m<sup>r</sup> Blackstone had Cleared ye 2 New Eng<sup>l</sup>d shippes which sayld 10 days before I Charged him w<sup>th</sup> itt before ye Gov<sup>r</sup>. he sd they must admit of w<sup>t</sup> security ye Country afforded or must take none, the sherrif who was to summon ye Jury for y<sup>t</sup> Court was a Scotch Irishman & had returned a Jury of known Scotch & Others their friends ye Court consisted of 5 of ye Members of ye Councill most of them very unfitt to try a Cause of y<sup>t</sup> Nature I entred upon Crookshanks busines first but Maj<sup>r</sup> King (to whom Crookshanks was recom<sup>e</sup>nd'd by ye Owners in Ireland) oppos'd itt alleaging y<sup>t</sup> Cr-shanks having killd one of his Saylors att sea could not appear I expected ye Mate who was on board when I made ye seizure & entred her w<sup>th</sup> ye Navall Officer to defend but ye Court deferr'd y<sup>t</sup> till another time I then proceeded ag<sup>t</sup> Makay's ship for Importing goods not Legally shipt in Eng<sup>l</sup>d &c & proved in Court by ye Oath of Hugh Moore a Scotch Minister passenger in Makay's ship from Leith to Maryld y<sup>t</sup> they Sayled from thence towards Barwick y<sup>t</sup> she stood off & on till W<sup>m</sup> Monteith a Scotchman borne & M<sup>rs</sup> of ye ship brought w<sup>th</sup> him an Officer aboard of ye Customs (as he said) from Barwick y<sup>e</sup> ye hatches were opned & some goods hoised  
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up upon deck they were viewed by ye p'tended Officer as ye M<sup>r</sup> fd & then he received his Coquet More further depofed y<sup>t</sup> during ye whole time ye fhip lay oft Berwick w<sup>th</sup> was above 24 houres fhe came not to an Anchor y<sup>e</sup> M<sup>r</sup> would fwear in Court y<sup>t</sup> all ye goods he had imported were entred in his Coquet but ye Court would not upon his Oath afk him att w<sup>t</sup> port he took them on board m<sup>r</sup> Addifon One of ye Judges (lately a factor at New Caſtle told ye Court & Jury y<sup>t</sup> the were not to ſtand upon ſuch Niceties y<sup>t</sup> by Mackay's Coquet (w<sup>th</sup> m<sup>r</sup> Layfield fd in Court was good to ye beſt of his knowledge) itt plainly appear'd y<sup>t</sup> Maj<sup>ty</sup> Duties upon thoſe goods were pd & y<sup>t</sup> was all required in y<sup>e</sup> Act of trade &c: the Court ordered ye Coquet ſhould be delivered to ye Jury w<sup>th</sup> they had & in a ſhort time brought in their verdict for ye Def<sup>t</sup> I preferr'd an Inform<sup>t</sup> ag<sup>t</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Makay (pretendend M<sup>r</sup> only of ye Ship Providence Jn<sup>o</sup> Carr a ſcotchman Chief Mate was ye true M<sup>r</sup> ye Other was aboard to Colour ye fraud) upon ye 14<sup>th</sup> of ye late K. Charles for loading goods aboard before his ſhip was entred outwards but when y<sup>t</sup> Cauſe was to be tryed I found ye ſame Jury who Cleared ye ſhip was appointed alſo to try ye Inform<sup>t</sup> ag<sup>t</sup> Makay I then forbore to have any further buſineſs w<sup>th</sup> y<sup>t</sup> Court I deſired m<sup>r</sup> Guin ye Attorney gen<sup>l</sup> w<sup>th</sup> whom I had left 17 plan<sup>t</sup>a bonds to be put in ſuite to forbear proſecuting them till further orders from Eng<sup>ld</sup> ye Clearing Meeches & Macay's ſhips in ſo apparent frauds has more then ever Encouraged ye Interlopers; I found m<sup>r</sup> Blackſtone in all theſe matters (tho not of ye Court) a great ſtickler for ye ſcotchmē ſo were Co<sup>th</sup> Brown one of ye Councill born att Glaſcoe w<sup>th</sup> King ye Navall Officer they  
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are all of them great traders & Chief Supporters of ye Scotch trade. Some have entred & Cleard w<sup>th</sup> m<sup>r</sup> Blackstone & were dispatcht early this Spring he told me upon my leaving St. Maries he Could not give me any Acc<sup>t</sup> of w<sup>t</sup> money is remaining in his hands due to their Maj<sup>ty</sup> besides ye Arrears of larg sūms due when m<sup>r</sup> Mein surveyed these plantat<sup>ns</sup> ye Gov<sup>r</sup> was pleased to say m<sup>r</sup> Blackston's whole time (the gen<sup>l</sup> Assembly then sitting) was taken up in their Maj<sup>ty</sup> affaires & y<sup>t</sup> at my next coming to S<sup>t</sup> Maries both his & m<sup>r</sup> Plater's Acc<sup>ts</sup> should be all ready for mee if not sent to me at James Town before ye fleet sayld w<sup>ch</sup> was all I Could obtaine then. M<sup>r</sup> Layfield Collec<sup>r</sup> of some part on ye eastern shore sends yo<sup>r</sup> Hon<sup>rs</sup> a list of ships entred and Cleard w<sup>th</sup> him this year he could not make up his Acc<sup>ts</sup> of money due upon ye 1 penny p<sup>r</sup> pound becaufe Vessells from New Eng<sup>ld</sup> w<sup>ch</sup> loaded some tob<sup>bs</sup> were but newly arriv'd.

I intend (God willing) so soon as ye fleet is Sayld to take S<sup>t</sup> Mary's in my Journey to New York & Survey all m<sup>r</sup> Blackstones books & pap<sup>rs</sup> & also m<sup>r</sup> Platers having first surveyed ye Officers Acc<sup>ts</sup> & books in virginia, I think m<sup>r</sup> Layfield intends honestly tho he knows little of ye Custom house business: I have left w<sup>th</sup> him Methods of entring & Clearing vessels in his books & believe he will observe them.

Some M<sup>rs</sup> of Ships & Others upon my Arrivall into these plantat<sup>ns</sup> inform'd me their Trade was destroyed by Carrying Tob<sup>bs</sup> overland from ye eastern shore of Maryld to delaware & likewise by carrying great Quantities of Dutch and Scotch Goods from thence to severall parts in Maryld, as Chester River Elke River &c: & y<sup>t</sup> there were vessells in Delaware, w<sup>ch</sup> had lately imported Scotch Goods & loading  
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Tobb<sup>o</sup> for Scotland directly; I thereupon ye 4<sup>th</sup> of June left S<sup>t</sup> Maries (having no encouragm<sup>t</sup> to stay longer there) & on ye 8<sup>th</sup> following got to ye horekill; lying on ye southern side & nigh ye Entry of delaware bay, where Nehemiah Field was deputy to m<sup>r</sup> Walliam Collect<sup>r</sup> of ye Customs in Pensilvania I examined his papers & found ye Brigantine Rose of London Peter Terlony M<sup>r</sup> had entred his Brig<sup>t</sup> w<sup>th</sup> him producing a false Certif<sup>ic</sup> & Coquet both of them of ye 4<sup>th</sup> of Aug<sup>r</sup> 1691 from Bewmorris thence I went to New Castle & not finding m<sup>r</sup> Walliam att home I went ye 11<sup>th</sup> to Philadelphia & discours[d] m<sup>r</sup> Markham Gov<sup>r</sup> under m<sup>r</sup> Penn of ye 3 lower Countys of Pensilvan[ia] adjoyning to Maryld to be inform'd how their Maj<sup>ty</sup> Officers had behaved themselves in their stations I found by him that thro y<sup>e</sup> Ignorance & remissness of m<sup>r</sup> Walliam Collect<sup>r</sup> & Field his deputy att ye Horekill y<sup>t</sup> severall Vessels directly from Scotland had imported great Quantitys of Scotch goods to ye damage of ye Merc<sup>ts</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> province who traded for Eng<sup>l<sup>d</sup></sup> y<sup>t</sup> A Ship from Holland Called y<sup>e</sup> flushe (whereof Arnaldos Le grange (sometimes of Maryld was Merc<sup>t</sup>) y<sup>e</sup> Cap<sup>t</sup> was a dutch man & had a letter of Mart he Came into Delaware in Apr<sup>ll</sup> 1691 & p<sup>r</sup>tending want of wood & water was by ye Justices of ye Peace permitted to supply his necessity he lay along time att an Anchoridge in 12 miles of Newcastle and disposed in y<sup>t</sup> time of his Wine & holland goods & made up his loading w<sup>th</sup> Furrs & Tobb<sup>o</sup> m<sup>r</sup> Markham referd mee to some persons att New Castle to bee perticularly informd thereof I returned thither ye 13<sup>th</sup> & examin'd m<sup>r</sup> Walliams books & papers & found them in Confusion he is becom sottish w<sup>th</sup> drinking he makes use of whom he can get to do ye bufiness of ye Office he keeps  
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an Ordinary & has a great trade by M<sup>r</sup> of vessells & Mer<sup>ts</sup> resorting to his house he Cleard Peter Terlony M<sup>r</sup> of ye Brigantine from Scotland ye 19<sup>th</sup> of May loaden w<sup>th</sup> Tob<sup>o</sup> for Eng<sup>ld</sup> upon a Coppy of his Certif<sup>e</sup> signed by field his deputy after w<sup>ch</sup> Terlony took on board 7 hds of Tob<sup>o</sup> more at ye horekill & field said he had Walliam's Permissi<sup>on</sup> to doe itt Terlony had notice of my coming from Maryld & Sayld but 4 dayes before I came first to ye horekill Tho<sup>s</sup> Meech M<sup>r</sup> of ye Ship W<sup>m</sup> & Mary seized & tryed lately in Virginia was Owner of y<sup>e</sup> Brigantine & ye Mer<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> shipt ye goods aboard her.

Peter Hunkin M<sup>r</sup> of ye Ketch Georg of Piscataqua in New Eng<sup>ld</sup> Geo: Geofries a Scotchman Merc<sup>t</sup> & owner of ye Ketch was permitted to enter & trade upon producing to m<sup>r</sup> Walliams a forgd Certificate from white Haven dated ye 10<sup>th</sup> day of Aug<sup>t</sup> 1691 & had on board 75 hds of Tob<sup>o</sup> & 9600 in bulk m<sup>r</sup> Walliams would not shew me Hunkin's Coquet he Sayld some time before my arrivall but Jeffrys stayd to get in his debts he dieted & lodg'd att m<sup>r</sup> Walliams house I found no entry of ye ship flushing they unloaded wine & goods out of her to ye value of 300<sup>lb</sup> bought by m<sup>r</sup> Cann a Merc<sup>t</sup> & landed them at New Castle Openly & m<sup>r</sup> Walliams took no notice of itt he by his paper of ye 13<sup>th</sup> of this Instant June under his hand acknowledged y<sup>e</sup> he bought one pipe of Madera wine in June 1691 out of ye flushing & in July solt, bought a piece of linnen & stayd 20 houres aboard to see if they traded for Tob<sup>o</sup> I demanded w<sup>t</sup> money he had paid to their Maj<sup>ty</sup> Receiv<sup>r</sup> gen<sup>l</sup> & what was remaining in his hands due to their Maj<sup>ty</sup> upon ye duty of y<sup>e</sup> 1<sup>d</sup> p<sup>ts</sup> he Answered he had sent a great deal of  
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Mony but could not rememb<sup>r</sup> ye time when nor ye sum nor what was remaining but he would get somebody to assist him. I found in his books but one Entry made of tob<sup>b</sup>: Carried to other places then to Eng<sup>l</sup>d &c that was by Joseph Bryar M<sup>r</sup> of ye ship Providence of Road Island for 12 hds att 4200<sup>h</sup> to Barbad<sup>s</sup> Apr<sup>n</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> 1689 he said he had entry's of more Tob<sup>b</sup>: shipt for other Planta<sup>t</sup>. but that was in loose papers which he could not then find but would in a little time get them altogether I intend in my way to New York to stay at New Castle till I have settled & perfected all his Acc<sup>t</sup>. I find no security given by him in ye Secret<sup>t</sup> Office but (as he told me) he had given a bond to m<sup>r</sup> Mein whereupon not finding him tollerably Capable to manage that office . I did w<sup>th</sup> ye Advise & concurrence of m<sup>r</sup> Markham ye Gov<sup>r</sup> suspend m<sup>r</sup> Walliams & Field his Deputy at ye horekill, & having entrusted ye Collection & care of their Ma<sup>y</sup> Custom house affaires in y<sup>t</sup> province to m<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Clarke an vnderstanding person of A good Estate he lives at ye horekill & is personally Known to S<sup>r</sup> Edm<sup>d</sup> Androis & L<sup>t</sup> Gov<sup>r</sup> Nicholson if yo<sup>r</sup> Hon<sup>rs</sup> please to send him a deputa<sup>t</sup>: to be Collect<sup>r</sup> &c of west Jerse pensilvan<sup>a</sup> & territories & dependences there to belonging he having already taken y<sup>e</sup> Oath & given 500<sup>h</sup> security in ye Secret<sup>t</sup> Office at New Castle I am well assured ye trade of y<sup>t</sup> place is secured & a stop put to ye people of Maryld from running their Tob<sup>b</sup>: to delaware. the gen<sup>l</sup> Assembly of Maryld amongst other supply's rais'd for support of their New Gov<sup>r</sup> have granted him 40<sup>s</sup> upon every Vessel trading in y<sup>t</sup> province & he to pay ye Navall Officers I hear he has Continued Maj<sup>r</sup> King to bee ye Navall Officer in Somerset Co<sup>y</sup> on ye eastern shore A place  
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pestered w<sup>th</sup> Scotch & Irish about 200 families have within ye 2 years arrived from Ireland & fetled in y<sup>e</sup> Co<sup>y</sup> besides some hundred of family's there before. they have set up a linnen Manufacture Encouraged thereto by Co<sup>l</sup> Brown a scotchman one of ye Councill & by Maj<sup>r</sup> King & other principall persons upon ye place who support ye Interlopers & buy up all their Loading upon their first arrivall & govern ye whole trade on ye Eastern shore so y<sup>e</sup> whereas 7 or 8 good ships from Eng<sup>l</sup><sup>d</sup> did yearly trade & load ye Tob<sup>b</sup><sup>o</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> Co<sup>y</sup> I find y<sup>e</sup> in these 3 years last past there has not been above 5 ships trading legally in all those Rivers & nigh 30 Sayle of Scotch Irish & New Eng<sup>l</sup><sup>d</sup> Men. I humbly inclose to yo<sup>r</sup> Hon<sup>r</sup> A forg'd Certif<sup>ic</sup> (N<sup>o</sup> 4) produced to Maj<sup>r</sup> King by W<sup>m</sup> Hall of Boston allowed of by m<sup>r</sup> Layfield he clear'd his ship having 110 hds aboard ye 7<sup>th</sup> of Apr<sup>l</sup> 1689 & went to Scotland since w<sup>ch</sup> time to ye 25<sup>th</sup> of May 1692 above 1644 hds has been shipt off by Interlopers out of y<sup>e</sup> one Co<sup>y</sup> besides what Makay & Crookshanks are now loading severall Illegall traders are designed this Winter to come to Som<sup>r</sup>set Co<sup>y</sup> & Potomoke River their loadings of Tob<sup>b</sup><sup>o</sup> being already agreed for, above 20 Scotch Irish & New Eng<sup>l</sup><sup>d</sup> Vessells within these 8 months have sayld out of ye Capes with their loading of tob<sup>b</sup><sup>o</sup> for Scotland & Holland & ye man of warr had not discover'd one of thē ye Brigantine Adventure of Lond<sup>r</sup>-derry 20 Tons Tho<sup>s</sup> Fisher M<sup>r</sup> loaded 60 hds of tob<sup>b</sup><sup>o</sup> in Annameffeck in som<sup>r</sup>set County ye M<sup>r</sup> & all his Saylers were Scotch men borne who upon Notice y<sup>e</sup> Meech's ship (seiz'd by L<sup>t</sup> Gov<sup>r</sup> Nicholfons Order was to be try'd att James Town) Saild down ye bay about ye end of Apr<sup>l</sup> last when ye frigot & y<sup>e</sup> Yatch were Crusing  
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in ye bay & ye 20<sup>th</sup> Instant Henry Smith came to som<sup>r</sup>set  
 Co<sup>r</sup> w<sup>th</sup> goods from Scotland & not taken Notice of by any  
 of ye frig<sup>s</sup>. I have made ye more haft from pensilvania to  
 this place in hopes to get Makays & Crookshanks Vessells  
 seiz'd by ye frigot before they get clear of ye bay & to y<sup>t</sup> end  
 upon my first arrivall there wrote a letter to Cap<sup>t</sup> Townsend  
 ye Com<sup>mandore</sup> a Coppy whereof (N<sup>o</sup> 5) I here inclose desir-  
 ing him y<sup>t</sup> one of ye frigots under his care may be directed  
 to look out & seize them & also to stop Sam<sup>l</sup> Wilson a Scotch-  
 man M<sup>r</sup> of a vessell of Maryld & Jn<sup>o</sup> Laird of Lond<sup>r</sup>: derry  
 from white haven till I can get them arrested upon forfeiture  
 of their Bonds of 1000<sup>lb</sup> w<sup>ch</sup> I have by mee also Rob<sup>t</sup> Gofs  
 already under an arrest upon breach of his bond for ye same  
 value for as Matters are managed att p<sup>r</sup>sent I can doe little  
 good w<sup>th</sup> them in Maryld but Co<sup>l</sup> Copley told mee it shall be  
 otherwise when he is settled in ye Govern<sup>t</sup>. Vpon my Re-  
 turne from New Eng<sup>l</sup>d w<sup>ch</sup> I hope will be about ye end of  
 Sept<sup>r</sup> next I intend to lye aboard ye man of warr in ye win-  
 ter & endeavour to speak w<sup>th</sup> all vessells bound out & into ye  
 Capes for ye Interlopers come then in & dispose of their Car-  
 goes & load their vessells w<sup>th</sup> Tob<sup>o</sup> & are gone to sea before  
 ye Ships arrive from Eng<sup>l</sup>d Gov<sup>r</sup> Copley has made M<sup>r</sup> Plater  
 Collect<sup>r</sup> of ye Customs att petuxent River to be his Navall  
 Officer also he lives w<sup>th</sup> his family above 50 miles from ye  
 Vsuall place of Ent<sup>r</sup>y & Clearing vessells trading in y<sup>t</sup> des-  
 trict & for y<sup>t</sup> reason not fitt to manage either of those Offices  
 besides ye Inclosed (N<sup>o</sup> 6) being a Coppy of A paper p<sup>r</sup>sent  
 by Cap<sup>t</sup> Twitt (M<sup>r</sup> of their Maj<sup>ty</sup> frigot ye Henry) to L<sup>d</sup> Gov<sup>r</sup>  
 Nicholson Charges him w<sup>th</sup> Mismanagem<sup>t</sup> but not having  
 seen itt before I will make a strict Enquiry at my returne to  
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S<sup>t</sup> Maries & Inform yo<sup>r</sup> Hon<sup>rs</sup> accordingly It has been ye practice of ye form<sup>r</sup> Gov<sup>r</sup> in Virgin<sup>a</sup> to appoint A Member of ye Councill to be Navall Officer where Needfull to Collect ye Impost of 2<sup>d</sup> p hdd & port duty's &c: so y<sup>t</sup> Scotch men & Others giving bond not to depart till they have accounted & paid those dutys to ye Officer have been admitted to enter & trade without any regard had to ye Quallificat<sup>ns</sup> of ye Ship M<sup>r</sup> Saylers or loading &c as is directed in ye Act made for encouragm<sup>t</sup> of trade & ye appointing ye same person to be ye Coll<sup>r</sup> Survey<sup>r</sup> &c. of ye Customs it gives an Opportunity for connivance att frauds in ye remoter parts of ye Province as has been lately discovered in ye Case of Meech a Scotch man & Others whereas if those Offices were managed by different persons as in Barbado<sup>s</sup> Jamaica &c: as its most necessary in those Tob<sup>ac</sup> Planta<sup>ns</sup> ye one would be a check upon ye Other, & frauds ye Easier detected Co<sup>ll</sup> Cole Coll<sup>r</sup> of ye Lower part of James River, seeing L<sup>t</sup> Gov<sup>r</sup> Nicholson had turnd out Co<sup>ll</sup> Custis Coll<sup>r</sup> att Accomack for great miscarriages in his Office not having dischargd y<sup>t</sup> trust as he ought to have done petitioned to be dismist from y<sup>t</sup> and all other publick places w<sup>ch</sup> was granted, & Co<sup>ll</sup> John Lear one of ye Councill appointed by ye Councill to succeed him & they write to yo<sup>r</sup> Hon<sup>rs</sup> for a deputation for him he is not so well quallified for y<sup>t</sup> Office w<sup>ch</sup> requires so great diligence & Circumspection, for y<sup>t</sup> descript lyes Nigh ye entry of ye Capes. there are many bays & Creeks in it where Scotch & N: England men frequent in regard they can there unload load & soon run out to sea in a little time undiscovered as has been formerly practised & will be now more then ever because Co<sup>ll</sup> Custis (who received all sorts (even pyrates) if they paid him his unreasonable



sonable fees is turn'd out of his Office Co<sup>ll</sup> Edw<sup>d</sup> Hill is made Coll<sup>r</sup> of ye upper part of James River in ye place of Co<sup>ll</sup> page deceas't y<sup>r</sup> Lyes very far up in ye Country & London<sup>n</sup> & Bristoll men only load y<sup>r</sup> Co<sup>ll</sup> Edw<sup>d</sup> Jennings is Continued att y<sup>ork</sup> River & Esq<sup>r</sup> Ralph Wormly att Rappa-  
hañock w<sup>th</sup> 2 districts Interlopers do not frequent . but Potomoke River where Co<sup>ll</sup> Christp<sup>r</sup> Wormley is Cott<sup>r</sup> ought to be better lookt to for besides his Other incapacities he lives above 50 miles off from his business he has indeed appointed Cott<sup>r</sup> Griffen his deputy who lives by ye River side & sees Vessels goe up & down only: he enters in a book ye names of ye M<sup>n</sup> & ye Ship, & keeps an Acc<sup>t</sup> of ye fees of ye Office for Entries bonds Certif<sup>cs</sup> &c. & because he received ye duty of ye 2<sup>d</sup> p<sup>r</sup> h<sup>ad</sup> I can by his book tell how many h<sup>ds</sup> ye M<sup>r</sup> swears he has aboard & no Other way's Co<sup>ll</sup> Wormley goes once or twice a year to reacon & receive his Share of ye fees but whence ye Vessell comes ye Numb<sup>r</sup> & quallity of ye men her loading or whither bound &c: not one word of itt all ye Coll<sup>rs</sup> are members of ye Councill not one of them has deputed under officers under hand & seale w<sup>th</sup> power to goe aboard & strictly to examine whither their loding agree w<sup>th</sup> their Coquet & discover w<sup>t</sup> Tobb<sup>o</sup> they take aboard Potomock River is a place where ye Scotch & N: England men find great Incouragm<sup>t</sup> & ought to be very narrowly look't after A diligent active person on ye Southern part of y<sup>r</sup> River will be a Check upon m<sup>r</sup> Blackstone who has for many years given M<sup>n</sup> from all places a great Latitude in trade. Now to ye end that ye trade may be better secured in ye severall Rivers of Potomock Petuxent & ye County of Som<sup>r</sup>set I humbly recomend to  
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yo: Hon<sup>r</sup> Consideratio & propose y: three diligent active persons well acquainted w<sup>th</sup> Custom house business appointed to be Coll<sup>r</sup> & Survey<sup>r</sup> &c: of their Ma<sup>y</sup> Customs in ye sd Rivers & sent hither from Eng<sup>d</sup> in like Manner as yo: Hon<sup>r</sup> depute all yo: Officers to all their Ma<sup>y</sup> plantat<sup>is</sup> when Needfull ye one half of ye f<sup>l</sup> p<sup>d</sup> duly Collected w<sup>th</sup> ye fees established here will be a good Maintainance for them I further humbly offer y: ye Office of Comptroler of ye Customs in these 2 Provinces as now managed does no way Contribute to ye securing of trade: M: Philip Lightfoot ye Comptroler in Virgin<sup>a</sup> a very good man he only states such Acc<sup>ts</sup> as ye Coll<sup>r</sup> of ye Customs bring him & sees them sweare to them before ye Gov<sup>r</sup> once a year besides he lives towards ye upper part of James River & thereby uncapable of taking care of ye trade of this Contrey I therefore humbly recomēd Cap: Sam<sup>l</sup> Ravenscroft an Inhabitant in Virgin<sup>a</sup> an vnderstanding & active man (personally known to S<sup>r</sup> Edm<sup>d</sup> Andros & to L: Gov<sup>r</sup> Nicholson) to be by yo: Hon<sup>r</sup> Deputation appointed to that Office, & as for m: Layfield who has an old deputat<sup>ion</sup> from ye Custom house to be Comptroler & Survey<sup>r</sup> of ye Customs in Maryld he lives nigh ye head of Pokemoke river quite out of ye way & has business enough to mind in his Office of Coll<sup>r</sup> if yo: Hon<sup>r</sup> please to continue him in itt for I know no man thereabouts fitt to be entrusted in y: place I therefore humbly offer y: Co<sup>l</sup> Charles Scarbrowe whom L: Gov<sup>r</sup> Nicholson has recomēded to yo: Hon<sup>r</sup> to succeed Co<sup>l</sup> Custis in ye Office of Coll<sup>r</sup> of ye Customs in Accomack on ye Eastern shore &c: may have yo: Hon<sup>r</sup> Deput<sup>ion</sup>: also to be Comptroler of ye Customs of Maryld his house stands open to ye bay on ye eastern Shore & no Vessell can  
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Saile to ye Co<sup>y</sup> of Somersfet but passēs by him he is well acquainted w<sup>th</sup> all ye Intreagues of Interlopers he inform'd mee att my first arrivall at James town that Makay & Crookshanks were arrived in Som<sup>r</sup>set Co<sup>y</sup> from Scotland & y<sup>t</sup> Hen: Smiths Vessel arrived from thence ye 20<sup>th</sup> Instant he run aground not far from ye Co<sup>l</sup>'s Land hee would have seiz'd him if he had power these 2 Officers will be of great Vse & be a Check upon ye Coll<sup>r</sup> all assistance is too little to stem ye Current of ye Illegall trade w<sup>th</sup> by ye Ignorance of some & ye Countenance of Others Officers has been greatly encouraged In my letters to yo<sup>r</sup> Hon<sup>r</sup> of ye 21<sup>st</sup> of Apr<sup>l</sup> past finding ye partiality in ye Court at James town in ye tryall of Meeches Vessel they not being willing or not able to discover his false Certific<sup>s</sup> & Coquet (w<sup>th</sup> ye L<sup>t</sup> Gov<sup>r</sup> sends to yo<sup>r</sup> Hon<sup>r</sup> by this shipping) I therein humbly proposēd ye Necessity of having a Court of Exchequer erected in this Province w<sup>th</sup> an able Judge to try all Causes relating to ye Crown & since I have in ye tryall of Macay's ship att S<sup>t</sup> Maries experienced ye Inclinations of ye Court & Jury there to do their Ma<sup>ty</sup> no Justice ag<sup>t</sup> Interlopers I am confirmed there is great reason for having ye like Court erected there also ye same Judg to sitt in ye Court in both Provinces when Needfull or else itt will be to no purpose to be att trouble & Charge to seize & try Irregular Traders nor to put any of ye forfeited bonds in suit, till a Court be established & certain Rules & Methods to direct ye Judg & Jury from w<sup>th</sup> they are not to deviat about false certif<sup>s</sup> & Coquets many of ye bonds I left w<sup>th</sup> ye Attorney gen<sup>l</sup> att S<sup>t</sup> Maries & some of those in my Custody have forgd Certif<sup>s</sup> to discharge them so y<sup>t</sup> there is ye same discouragm<sup>t</sup> in ye pceed-  
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ing ag<sup>t</sup> securities as ag<sup>t</sup> Vessels illegally trading. att Glascoe & other places in Scotland they have false seales of ye Custom houses of whitehaven Bewmorris &c: & by some meanes procure blank Certif<sup>s</sup> some of them are so exactly fill'd up & yo<sup>r</sup> Hon<sup>rs</sup> hands indifferently Counterfeited y<sup>t</sup> they pass w<sup>th</sup> all ye Coll<sup>rs</sup> where ye Interlopers frequent for good & by these frauds w<sup>th</sup> ye Countenance of Scotch traders & little factors keeping Stores in private houses ye Irregular Trade has for these many years been carried on. Now to ye end no M<sup>n</sup> trading in these planta<sup>ts</sup> may unload & trade in what obscure place they please every one running into a severall Creek or bay so y<sup>t</sup> 'tis an endless work for ye most diligent officer to take Notice of ye Goods they import or to know what quant<sup>y</sup>: of Tob<sup>co</sup>: they take aboard all ye discoveries or Satisfaction ye Coll<sup>rs</sup> now have y<sup>t</sup> ye M<sup>n</sup> have traded Legally depends only upon their Oathes Its therefore humbly p<sup>ro</sup>posed y<sup>t</sup> their Ma<sup>ty</sup> Order in Councill be sent to ye Sev<sup>l</sup> Gov<sup>rs</sup> of Virg<sup>a</sup> & Maryld to appoint 2 or 3 places in every trading River (as they shall judge most proper) where all vessells shall be Olidged [sic] to come to an Anchor & ther unload & take in their loading & not elsewhere under a penalty by w<sup>ch</sup> means ye Officers & their respective deputies can attend & w<sup>th</sup> little trouble discharge their duties this (w<sup>th</sup> ye diligence of able officers in every river will certainly prevent all interlopers when regularly putt in practise I have thought it my duty upon Notice of many Scotch vessells being up & down in ye severall planta<sup>ts</sup> to endeavour what I Could to disturb them att least in their trade (finding finding ye Officers to cover & p<sup>ro</sup>tect them) & put them to all ye charge & trouble I could w<sup>ch</sup> I have Spared no Cost nor

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paines to effect I am not out of hopes of meeting Macay & Crookshanks in ye Bay when they leave Maryld & will be wanting in Nothing to observe yo<sup>r</sup> Hon<sup>r</sup> Comānds of w<sup>ch</sup> yo<sup>r</sup> Hon<sup>r</sup> shall upon all occasions have a faithfull Acc<sup>t</sup> from him who is

Yo<sup>r</sup> Hon<sup>r</sup> most Humble and  
most obedient Serv<sup>t</sup>

M<sup>r</sup> Muschamp Collect<sup>r</sup> of ye  
Customs at Carolina has been at  
James town & rece<sup>d</sup> yo<sup>r</sup> Hon<sup>r</sup>  
Deputat<sup>r</sup>: w<sup>ch</sup> I left w<sup>th</sup> L<sup>t</sup> Coll<sup>l</sup>  
Nicholson to deliv<sup>r</sup> to him in  
my absence I will (god willing)  
visite y<sup>t</sup> Colony when ye weather  
growes temperate.

[*Endorsed*] Virg<sup>a</sup> 27 June 1692  
Copy of M<sup>r</sup> Randolph  
Letter to the Commis<sup>s</sup>  
of the Customes.  
Rec<sup>d</sup> 6 Sept. 1692

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ye Customs

CIX.

RANDOLPH TO BLATHWAYT ON THE MARYLAND GOVERNMENT.

*Collection of the Rev. W. T. Blathwayt.*

ffrom y<sup>e</sup> Balnio in — James Town: June 28: 92:

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Since mine of y<sup>e</sup> 21: of Aprill to you vnder L<sup>t</sup> Gon<sup>r</sup> Nich-  
 olsons Couer. & duplicate of the same date by Cap<sup>t</sup> Scott of  
 Bristoll: I haue made a cursory visite as farr as Phyladelphia.  
 & hearing the Gen<sup>l</sup> Assembly of Maryland was to sitt at S<sup>r</sup>  
 Maryes: y<sup>e</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> of May, I made my visite to Coll Copley.  
 he gaue me a faint reception, he allowed my deputation from  
 y<sup>e</sup> Custome house, but speaks very coldly of y<sup>s</sup>. he enter-  
 tained me with grave discourse but nothing to ye purpose  
 but advised me to write to you: that he would serue you.  
 Once in his drink he said you were a Jacobite. & a great  
 enemy to their present Ma<sup>ty</sup>. That y<sup>r</sup> Commiffion of Audi-  
 tor ought to be renewed vpon their Ma<sup>ty</sup> coming to ye  
 Crown. I told him my deputation was allowed of & signd  
 by ye Lords of the Treasury. & pressd him that it might be  
 registred, but refused saying it was not a proper tyme, I dis-  
 coursd him about ye Treasvrers & receiuers of y<sup>e</sup> publick  
 money of y<sup>e</sup> Province, whether he found any of itt at ye tyme  
 of his arrivall, he told me he was especially commanded to  
 take care of it & giue their Ma<sup>ty</sup> an Account & was very  
 vnwilling to do anything about y<sup>e</sup> Deputation till he had  
 done his busines with the Assembly.

the Cheife Tooles he works with are Blackstone now  
 Colonell; who before he gott to be Collector of Customs was

a poor Atturney not worth a Hog<sup>d</sup> of tobacco : nor now if he be forcd to pay ye great arreares due from him to their Ma<sup>ties</sup> vpon y<sup>e</sup> duty of 1 : penny p pound. he is a starchd formall fellow as great a knave but not so cunning as M<sup>r</sup> Dudley. he is next in Councill to y<sup>e</sup> Gon<sup>r</sup> & carryes a great stroak amongst those fylly animalls the Councill : with their advise he has permitted 22 ships to sayle without convoy . most of them from y<sup>e</sup> Out ports ; came out without Licence from y<sup>e</sup> Lords of ye Committee : they did not passe without a decent acknowledgm<sup>t</sup> to his Excell :

his second Jacall is Mr Plater the Collected of Patuxent Riuer. his busines has been to plye for wine Brandee for the Gon<sup>r</sup> amongst the ships : he has presented the Gon<sup>r</sup> with a horse & has a young wife at his Excell<sup>r</sup> : seruice. The next is a dull welch Lawyer y<sup>e</sup> Atturney . Gen<sup>l</sup> <sup>405</sup> made a freeman , of S<sup>t</sup> Maryes . then chosen one of the Burgeesses of that Corporation. he takes Entrys of retaining fees of one Hogg<sup>d</sup> of Tobacco to be paid yearely by ye contentious Client . to appeare for him in all Courts Contra omnes : for so I saw it entred in his Alminach : he like the M<sup>r</sup> of Ceremonies directs the Councill & Asssembly . how they are to behaue themselues towards towards [*sic*] their Gon<sup>r</sup> :

The next (but not the last) is Harpam . his fetter ; he scoures about, I heard he was at Phyladelphia . with Casparus Harman <sup>406</sup> (a new dubd' Colonell : but formerly an ill man)

<sup>405</sup> This is not Chilton, who was a Virginian official, but Gwynn, mentioned *post* (Letter CXVII.), of whom nothing further is known from these letters.

<sup>406</sup> For Casparus Harman of Bohemia,

see the remarkable account of Cuthbert Potter's journey from Virginia to New England (*Calendar of State Papers, America and West Indies*, 1690, no. 1164 VII.).

man) for Biscott & other necessaryes for his Excell: for an acknowledgm<sup>t</sup> of the favour of his new honour: this Harpam serues (as ye fryar mendicants boy) to receiue all . & is to be no small Officer in the Gom<sup>t</sup> the Gon<sup>t</sup> slaues & toiles for Blackstone & Plater . whenever I would enter vpon busines with them, or examine their books & accounts . so that I could do nothing whilst the Assembly sate . but must make another Journey so soon as ye fleet is sayld . & then I will offer to haue your Deputation registered. So soon as I heard he was come to S<sup>t</sup> Maryes . I wrote him a letter by Harpam his Messenger with all Duty & respect & haue not been wanting to him at S<sup>t</sup> Maryes. the Revennue of that Gom<sup>t</sup> is to be managed by him & to be at his dispose, in their New Laws No person appointed to be Receiuer Gen<sup>l</sup> or Treasurer but himselfe . & all money to be paid by his Order.

the Good methode to obtain this, was managed by ye great care & industry of Mr Chifelden <sup>407</sup> the Speaker: with the Attorney Gen<sup>l</sup> & some others of their Caball . who pvrged the house of all members not for their turn . tho' chosen by ye far greater part of the Electors: as being enemies to their present Gon<sup>r</sup>. The Merc<sup>ts</sup> of London gaue their Correspondents in Maryland an Account of the ill circumstances of their Gon<sup>t</sup> & advised them to be good husbands of their Countryes money : Thus (& for no other reason) sending home men (not papists) of good estates . ordering

<sup>407</sup> Kenelm Chifeldyn was one of the revolutionaries, and appeared against Lord Baltimore before the Lords in 1690 (*Calendar of State Papers, Amer-*

*ica and West Indies*, 1690, nos. 1195, 1267). He was successful in his representations, which resulted in the appointment of Copley as Governor.



ring new writts<sup>408</sup> for electing others to serue in their Rooms. During their absence & before New ones could come the house proceeded to make their Laws which were all completed before the New Burgeses — Burgeses [*sic*] arrived. As to the Members of ye Councill you may guesse at their qualifications . by the Agents they sent to Eng<sup>d</sup> of whom Coll Georg Robotham (a halfe faced Quaker) M<sup>r</sup> Tench<sup>409</sup> an Irish Merc<sup>t</sup> & Coll Jolls<sup>410</sup> a Surgeon are tolerable . the Rest are such a contemptable crew as Coll Sawyer living on y<sup>e</sup> Eastern shore, presented his service to his Excell. & sent him word he would waite vpon him when he kept better company. Butt those filly Animalls charmd with the tedious impertin<sup>t</sup>;

<sup>408</sup> Only one new writ (for Cecil County) is mentioned in the minutes of the Assembly (*Calendar of State Papers, America and West Indies*, 1692, no. 2225).

<sup>409</sup> Thomas Tench appears continually in the Maryland records of the time, generally opposed to Randolph as concerned with illegal trading) *Maryland Archives*, Vol. XX. pp. 42, 64). But in 1694 (Vol. XX, pp. 172, 512) Tench was appointed naval officer on Randolph's recommendation. He was executor to Copley, and had great trouble with the Treasury in arranging Copley's liabilities to the Government (*Treasury Papers*, Vol. XXX. no. 47. p. 402. Nov. 16, 1694, etc.).

<sup>410</sup> Henry Jolls, or Jowles, was afterwards accused by Copley of being a tool of Randolph and Sir Thomas Lawrence (*Calendar of State Papers, America and West Indies*, 1692, no. 2706). "Even soe farr May it please your Exps hath the malignancy of his disposition had predominancy over him, as to corrupt one of their Maj<sup>ties</sup> Councill vis. Coll. Henry

Jowles to acquitt and desert the Honor of his Post, and accept under him the place & Office of a County Court Clk: to the greates dishonor of his former Commission & dissatisfaction of the rest of the rest [*sic*] of his Brethren, and the wonder of y<sup>e</sup> whole Countrey, but wee must of necessity conclude there is some other private & secret designe, and intreague to be managed and carried on by them, and their disaffected pty to the prejudice of the Govern<sup>mt</sup> and their Maj<sup>ties</sup> Service: For which reason (according to the power and authority given the Govern<sup>r</sup> given the Govern<sup>r</sup> [*sic*] in his Instructions) Wee thought fitt to dismis the s<sup>t</sup> Coll. Jowles from his place in Councill and others his Military and civil Offices & Commands in the County where he lives." He had been one of the revolutionaries, but had done good service in keeping the Indians quiet at the "heads of the riuers." (*Calendar of State Papers, America and West Indies*, 1689, no. 56.) A part of Copley's letter (1692, no. 2706) is printed *supra*, Vol. V. p. 96.

impertin<sup>t</sup> Haranges the Gon<sup>r</sup> made them, in praise of his own meritt parts & interest at court . were all his humble servants . (Jolls excepted who would do nothing till often mellowed w<sup>th</sup> wine & a present of 40000<sup>lb</sup> of tobacco) & now Elevated with their New Hon<sup>r</sup> & 30<sup>lb</sup> a yeare a peece to support it they strutt it like the New Beadles of S<sup>t</sup> Martins parish: Blackstones character you have already. Coll David Brown a Scotch pedler born at Glascow . for some service done is now preferrd . Greenberry . a Highwayman in Eng<sup>d</sup> Coates a Wheelwright . & Hutchins a broaken London carpenter: Addison a Newcastle factor : <sup>411</sup> the rest *Idem quod dicere nolo*. I saw better men sent back by the house of Burgeffes then most of y<sup>e</sup> Councill.

Now matters sett thus in tune vpon ye 10<sup>th</sup> of May his Excellence attended by ye Councill went from his apartment (a nasty stinking Ordinary formerly the house of M<sup>r</sup> Calvert Calvert [*sic*] the Chancellor) & ye Burgeffes hauing notice of his being at ye other house . he did bespeake them in manner & form following (as paper N<sup>o</sup> 1 with the titles of their Laws, the happy effects wrought vpon y<sup>e</sup> Credulous ftopps) the Attorney Gen<sup>l</sup> moved that the thanks of the house should be returnd to his Excell. for his gracious speech . which was accordingly orderd. It 's necessary that they be commanded to send home the Journalls of the Gon<sup>r</sup> & Councill, the Gen<sup>l</sup> Affembly . & of the house of Deputyes .

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<sup>411</sup> With the exception of Greenberry, who was afterwards President of Maryland *ad interim* until Andros took over the government after Copley's death, the other persons mentioned in this letter are of no great importance. John

Bannister was one of the original governors of William and Mary College. William Lowndes was Secretary to the Treasury, and was a man of some eminence. See Macaulay's *History of England* (*Cabinet Edition*), Vol. IV. p. 122.

& in regard that S<sup>r</sup> Thomas Laurance is not yet arrived. whom they Cutt out of all his profitts. that some perfon be appointed to examine & compare them with their Originalls. I now fee (as Coll Copley has collated the laws). that there is little reason for regiftring my Deputation. But in regard I fee onely the titles. When you receiue them you may difcover more. but when that will be I heare not. the 14<sup>d</sup> p Tunn vpon all vefsellts trading in Maryland is giuen to their Ma<sup>ties</sup> but at their difpofe. out of which 350<sup>lb</sup> yearly to the Councill to keep them firm to y<sup>e</sup> Gon<sup>r</sup>s intereft. the 40<sup>s</sup> to be paid by y<sup>e</sup> Masters for all fhips trading there is given to ye Gon<sup>r</sup> & he is to pay his Navall Officers out of it, he makes Major King a Scotch Irish Man to be Navall Officer in Summerfett County. where now Scotch vefsellts trade cheifely. he will execute that Office & thank him too. M<sup>r</sup> Plater Collector at Patuxent is y<sup>e</sup> Second, the Gon<sup>r</sup> vpholding him in getting extravagant fees of the M<sup>rs</sup> will excufe his paying Plater anything. & I do not question but vpright Nehemiah Blackftone is the Third. he is vfed to fqueeze what he pleafes out of the Masters, & will by no meanes offer to take one penny from his Excell: before the tyme & fince the Revolution. he & other Collectors allowed a latitude in Trade. but now they hope to do it cum privilegio. In all the Weft India plantations the Navall Officer is a diftin<sup>ct</sup> perfon from the Collector. he ought to be an honeft man, well acquainted with Cufstome houfe bufines. & able to difcover falfe Coquetts & Certificates. vpon his diligence the Security of the tobacco trade in thofe plantations does cheifely depend. & tho' by ye 15<sup>th</sup> of the late King Charls. M<sup>rs</sup> of vefsellts are directed in 24 hours after their arrivall to deliver to y<sup>e</sup> Gon<sup>r</sup>  
or

or such other Officer as shall be by him appointed . etc : yet its necessary that some fitt person be by a letter from y<sup>e</sup> Lords of ye Committee for trade to Colo: Copley to be Navall officer of Maryland . & paid out of the 40<sup>l</sup>. I know no person but his own Creatures in whom he will confide : the Navall Officer will be a check vpon the other Custome house officers : now to be a member of Councill both here & in Maryland qualifies them for places Right or wrong . a Colonell a Navall Officer, Collector of y<sup>e</sup> Customs Receiuer of ye 2<sup>d</sup> p Hog<sup>d</sup> powder money port dutyes Etc : busines enough if well followed to employ 3 : or 4 men in euery Trading River : but few discharg one Office as they ought to doe :

The Collectors of the Customs in virginia especially like M<sup>r</sup> in Chancery fitt at home , M<sup>r</sup> of vessells outward or Inward bound sweare anything to the best of their knowledge pay their ffees & are cleerd . without an Officer seeing them (or their vessell :) at any other Tyme : In Maryland the Officers plye like Watermen : Next Owers : for he that vses the M<sup>r</sup> best has most busines : One Jeffreys of Boston intending to load Tobacco in virgin[nia] askd y<sup>e</sup> Officer what he must give him a Hog<sup>d</sup> he told him one penny p pound. he would not load here saying he could do it in Maryland vpon better terms.

Besides ye 240000<sup>lb</sup> of tobacco Given to y<sup>e</sup> Gon<sup>l</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Chifelden & Coll Jolly . there is (as I am informd) an old fragment of 1300000<sup>lb</sup> yet behind & vnpaid. Cap<sup>t</sup> Code is Now arriued he must be presented with 100000<sup>lb</sup> & Major King who attended the Agents as farr as Plymouth . is to be considered. these are the New Methods to encrease their Ma<sup>ties</sup>

Revennue

Revennue vpon tobacco: the Inhabitants murmur. Some talke of leaving off planting. the Scotch Irish haue sett vp a linnen Manufacture in Summesett County the cheife in Authority being of that nation :

L<sup>d</sup> Gon<sup>r</sup> Nicholson hearing of disturbance at y<sup>e</sup> heads of Rapahannack & Patomeck Rivers went thither. & in his Toure made Coll. Copley a visite. he was receiued with Complement & a larg apology for want of better accomodation. the Members of the Councill & the house of Burgeses waited vpon him at his lodgings & gaue him their hearty thanks for his care of them now & in the tyme of their Revolution. the next day he entertaind y<sup>e</sup> Gon<sup>r</sup> Councill & Burgeses with a very plentifull breakfast (& all well pleased but ye Gon<sup>r</sup> & M<sup>r</sup> Blackstone) at my house in S<sup>t</sup> Maryes. & now that I mention my house, it was thus. at my first arrivall at S<sup>t</sup> Maryes I had a lodging at y<sup>e</sup> Gon<sup>r</sup> but after I visited M<sup>r</sup> Blackstone & entertaind him with melancholy discourse of Scotchmen & New Eng<sup>d</sup> men being permitted by him to load tobacco vpon slender security. & what was more affrighting to him. to enquire what money was remaining in his hands due to their Ma<sup>ties</sup> vpon the duty of y<sup>e</sup> penny p pound. he told me he could not then giue an account, the Gon<sup>r</sup> to oblige him & many of the Councill and Burgeses (who could not be satified to see me entertaind by ye Gon<sup>r</sup>) left me to lodge where I could. Blackstone hauing taken possession of my Chamber. I went to an old vninhabited house which once had Glasse windows without bed pillow or any sort of necessaryes. saue onely 2 bedstedds with facking bottoms not worth carrying away there I lodgd, till the house of Burgeses would lett me go away: the Gon<sup>r</sup>  
ordred

ordred a Constable to presse me a Boat to go to the East-ern shoare. they hearing I was intended to feize a Scotch ship at Delaware, would not lett him do it. so I was delayed. till vpon notice sent beforehand of my coming our Scotchman sayld away from thence loaden with tobacco 4 dayes before I could gett to y<sup>e</sup> Howkill

At my return heither I found Col: Custis most deservedly turnd out of all publick offices: & Col. Cole hauing done many ill things, especially in not condemning a Scotch ship: in Aprill Court last when there was the cleereft Evidence against her. has petitioned [*sic*] to lay down all his Offices: there is great want of able Officers to be sent heither as are to the plantations by y<sup>e</sup> Comm<sup>r</sup> of the Customs: there is no depending vpon the men of warr. Cap<sup>t</sup> ffinch Commander of the Henry Prize: he & his ship are more fitt to be Guards at Chatham then sent heither to secure the trade the Alburrow Ketch now at New York. sayles like a dung boat: the lords of the Admiralty by sending such ships putt their Ma<sup>ties</sup> to a great charg: ffinch hauing seized one of those many Interlopers which haue gone in & out of the Capes in those 8 months last past. I may travell myselfe to death & to no purpose till those things be duely regulated: S<sup>r</sup> Since there are now 3 vacanyes in the Councill of Virginia I desire I may be appointed One there. & of Maryland also: Robotham is now going to England S<sup>r</sup> Thomas Laurance is not arriued. if I be made One of the Councill there I shall be in a condition to inform of all things besides if the salary of 30<sup>lb</sup> a yeare be confirmd' to them of Maryland it will add to support me in my extraordinary charg of traveling. Brown the Scotch pedler & a great promoter of the  
Linnen

Linnen Manufacture ought to be turnd out of the Councill: and also John Addifon a New Castle ffactor & one of the Judges for saying at y<sup>e</sup> Tryall of a Scotch ship at S<sup>t</sup> Maryes. that they ought not to obserue the nicetyes of the Acts of Trade. vnlesse some be made examples It's not to be expected their Ma<sup>ties</sup> shall obtain Justice against Interlopers. —

S<sup>t</sup> the Office of Generall Land Surveyor in Virginia is managed by Cap<sup>t</sup> Culpeper he liues in England & does nothing for it the adding that to my Commission of Surveyor of the Woods would be a great favour to me.

The L<sup>d</sup> Gon<sup>l</sup> sends you some walnutt plank vpon the ship Sarah of Bristoll Joseph Leech M<sup>r</sup> I haue agreed for 10000 ffoot of pine boards from 18: to 24 foot in length: not vnder one foot broad. & inch & halfe thick when sawn: & also Walnutt plank. but very scarce in Virginia: it will be ready next spring. you must speake to Mr Henley<sup>412</sup> to agree with Bristoll ships to carry it home. I cannot vndertake that here in regard they will be here vpon extravagant terms. the getting those Masters likely to come heither when others are stopd by Embargo will oblige them to take your plank aboard vpon very easy terms: lett the M<sup>r</sup> bring letters to me from Mr Henley & I will order their loading to be putt aboard them. Amongst ye 22 ships which sayld without convoy by Gon<sup>l</sup> Copleys order: were many who had not leaue at home: the fuing some of their Bonds will make others

<sup>412</sup> Robert Henley stood for Parliament as a representative of Bristol in 1679, and was actually elected, but the corporation refused to let him sit. They afterwards prosecuted him for trading

in the city, he being a "foreigner" (Latimer's *Annals of Bristol in the Seventeenth Century*, p. 391). He was one of the "Commissioners of Transport" for the Government.

others more carefull to observe orders. I haue bespoak some cedar & will make it my busines to gett what I can to adorn y<sup>r</sup> House at Durham. M<sup>r</sup> Banister is dead . who was to provide all necessaryes & curiosities for yr Garden he has M<sup>r</sup> Londons directions which are lost with him. I will send you black Walnuts for y<sup>r</sup> park if any ships of Bristoll [are] here when they are ready . & the same to M<sup>r</sup> Lounds : I haue heard of a Copper mine at the Scoull Kill by phyladelphia . but they talke high of it & haue sent for workmen . out of England by what I haue wrote to you & to y<sup>e</sup> Comm<sup>r</sup> of the Customs who are not to know that I send you Copyes of their letters . you see that it was absolutely necessary for their Ma<sup>ties</sup> Service . to looke into the trade of those plantations which haue been formally managed these many yeares & their Ma<sup>ties</sup> haue lost about 20000<sup>lb</sup> a yeare here & in Maryland for want of good officers. I intend God willing to step to boston . & then spend my whole winter & the next spring here

I find L<sup>d</sup> Gon<sup>l</sup> Nicholson has been vnjustly dealt with by those very persons to whom he was kind : which vpon perusal of the Councills Journall you will discover. Coll. Cole has acknowledged that he wrote false things home against him & begd his pardon openly . the country knowing it are ready to pull his house down about his ears : I know he will find friends when he comes to England to support him in his vindication, wheither he intends to come vpon the arrivall of a New Gon<sup>l</sup> vnlesse he be better taken care of . for he cannot live here vpon 300<sup>lb</sup> a yeare, in the place where he has spent about twice as much yearly in visiting the frontiers & settling the Militia in the extreamest parts of ye province.

his



his calling vpon the Collectors to be diligent in their duties. & searching after the vast Tracts of lands Engross'd by ye cheife men in the Country together with his obliging the Auditor to something for his fees: has occasioned the dissatisfaction. I am well assured they cannot charg him with any neglect in their Ma<sup>ties</sup> service.

by what I heare in the Country as I travell. the poeple will sett vp a Manufacture of Linnen & Woolen & neglect tobacco planting if they be press<sup>d</sup> he has so managed that you find he has obtaind more vpon ye people for their Ma<sup>ties</sup> service then any of the former Gon<sup>r</sup> & nothing has been proposd for their Ma<sup>ties</sup> interest or the advantage of his freinds but he has carried his point as you are sensible. from a confidence the people haue that he will offer nothing to his sinister profitt or bye ends.

I expect you shall receiue Articles against me from Maryland because I was diligent in prosecuting my seizures. Mather & the New Eng<sup>d</sup> agents misrepresented me to those of Maryl<sup>d</sup> & some of them haue been so weak as to giue them creditt So soon as the fleet is sayld . I will call at S<sup>t</sup> Maryes & see in what humour I shall find ye Gon<sup>r</sup> I haue done nothing to disoblige him nor will . but he aimes to be the sole Manager of the Countrey & Revennue & till he be better instructed from y<sup>e</sup> Lords of the Treasury it will not be otherwise. I giue my humble service to the little M<sup>r</sup> to pritty Miss. to Mr Parry & am S<sup>r</sup>

Your obliged humble se<sup>r</sup>

ED RANDOLPH.

S<sup>r</sup>

S<sup>r</sup> wee are in very great want for a fetled post office:  
Mr Neal <sup>413</sup> has onely shamd this country. pray promote  
it vpon the best terms you can I am confident all ye Gon<sup>rs</sup>  
will contribute to the charg of first setting it vp.

to Mr Blathwayt

CX.

RANDOLPH'S CHARGE AGAINST A COLLECTOR.

*Collection of the Rev. W. T. Blathwayt.*

Merandum Boft of arnaldos Delagrange one pipe of wine in  
the Month of June 1691 Boft in ye Month of July one  
peice of Linnin. at which time I stayd on board twenty  
Owers or more on purpofs to discover wheather he did trade  
for Tobb<sup>o</sup> or aney other Commoidytes but could not discover  
aney thing whilest I was there on board wittnes my hand the  
13<sup>th</sup> of June 1692

James Walliam Coll<sup>r</sup>

by this it appeares he traded with a forainer

N<sup>o</sup> 3

m<sup>r</sup> Walliam 1 paper

CXI.

<sup>413</sup> Thomas Neale was a kind of general patentee for America. He held a patent (17th February, 1692) for all post-offices there; another for ferries; another for wrecks on the coasts of Bermuda. (*Calendar of State Papers, America and West Indies*, 1693, nos. 21, 708, 2280, etc.) For his exceedingly questionable reputation, see Macaulay's *History of England*, Vol. IV. p. 53.

## CXI.

RANDOLPH TO THE CUSTOMS: COMPLAINTS OF THE COL-  
LECTORS IN VIRGINIA.*America & West Indies, 637. no. 125.*

(Copy of M<sup>r</sup>. Randolph's L<sup>r</sup>re to y<sup>e</sup> Com<sup>r</sup> of the Customes)  
May itt please yo<sup>r</sup>. Ho<sup>n</sup>.

I humbly inclose to yo<sup>r</sup>. Ho<sup>n</sup>. a Coppy of a Lett<sup>r</sup>. sent me from m<sup>r</sup>. Chilton<sup>414</sup> their Maj<sup>ty</sup>. Attorney gen<sup>l</sup>. of virg<sup>a</sup>. who was p<sup>r</sup>sent att S<sup>t</sup>. Maries when I p<sup>r</sup>ceeded ag<sup>t</sup>. Macay for importing ye Manufactu<sup>r</sup>. of Scotland into ye plantat<sup>n</sup>: directly which represents to yo<sup>r</sup>. Hon<sup>rs</sup>. ye great partiallity in y<sup>e</sup>. Court & Jury; in my larg letter of ye 27<sup>th</sup> of June past<sup>415</sup> to yo<sup>r</sup>. Hon<sup>rs</sup>. I informd yo<sup>r</sup>. hon<sup>rs</sup>. y<sup>e</sup>. by no means I Could Come at a sight of m<sup>r</sup>. Blackstones & m<sup>r</sup>. Platers bookes ye former Clear'd Jones & Guin M<sup>rs</sup>. of two N. England Veffels loaden w<sup>th</sup> tob<sup>b</sup>. & bound for Scotland tho (before ye Gov<sup>r</sup>.) I told him I had great Cause to believe they were bound for Scotland: & ye Latter many irregular traders: of w<sup>ch</sup> with west Country men above 40 Saild out of ye Capes before ye shippes arrived from London: & since that not long after Gov<sup>r</sup>. Copley's arrivall at S<sup>t</sup>. Maries nigh as many more have been p<sup>r</sup>mitted by ye Gov<sup>r</sup>. to Sayle out w<sup>th</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> & Perigrine Brown M<sup>rs</sup>. of 2 Ships of Lond<sup>n</sup>. in w<sup>ch</sup> fleet (as I am now well Inform'd) by W<sup>m</sup>. Roberts M<sup>r</sup>. of y<sup>e</sup>. Ship Reserve of Bristoll: that

<sup>414</sup> *Supra*, Vol. V. p. 76.<sup>415</sup> This is the letter of 28th June, printed *supra*.

that Jones Guin & in all to ye Number of 8 or 9 Vessells trading irregularly were p'mitted to Sayle out w<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Brown's tho (before y<sup>e</sup> time) Captain Townsend ye Co<sup>m</sup>andore had wrote two Letters to ye Gov<sup>r</sup> of Maryland y<sup>e</sup> he was ordered by ye lords of ye Admiralty to take under his Convoy all ye Maryld & Virg<sup>a</sup> shipp<sup>s</sup> upon my first coming to James town from Maryld I wrote to ye Co<sup>m</sup>andore to stop severall ships I had just grounds to suspect of w<sup>th</sup> John Laird of Belfast who had loaden aboard ye ship Andrew of Donnecuder 160 tds of tob<sup>b</sup><sup>o</sup> & gave bond ye 24<sup>th</sup> of Mar<sup>ch</sup> 1689 w<sup>th</sup> a poor Irishman Not worth 40<sup>s</sup> to unliver in Eng<sup>l</sup><sup>d</sup> &c: now finding Laird had pduced no Certific<sup>n</sup> of his unlivery of y<sup>e</sup> tob<sup>b</sup><sup>o</sup> as ye law direct<sup>s</sup> I have here met w<sup>th</sup> Laird & caused him to be arrested at ye suite of their Maj<sup>ty</sup> for 1000<sup>lb</sup>. I have here met w<sup>th</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Glanvill M<sup>r</sup> of a Pink of Salem in New Eng<sup>l</sup><sup>d</sup> loaden w<sup>th</sup> tob<sup>b</sup><sup>o</sup> & because I knew him formerly to bee an Old Transgressor I wrote to ye Co<sup>m</sup>andore to Order his men to unbend all her Sayles & carry them ashore to ye Sheriff untill Glanvill should give such security as Cof<sup>t</sup><sup>r</sup> Lear Collect<sup>r</sup> of ye lower part of James River approve off & also to stop Rob<sup>t</sup> Gofs M<sup>r</sup> of a Pink bound for white Haven lying in hawkins's hole he being arested in an action of 1000<sup>lb</sup> for their Maj<sup>ty</sup> use tho' ye man is not worth 8 shillings: yet to deterr other M<sup>rs</sup> from violating ye Acts of trade; for ye future I am put to great trouble & charge to goe aboard these shipp<sup>s</sup> for want of a good sloop & men to attend their Maj<sup>ty</sup> service & am well assured y<sup>e</sup> ye advantage will defray all ye Charge I am yo<sup>r</sup> hon<sup>r</sup> most obedient servant

E: R:

[Endorsed]

[*Endorsed*]

Virg<sup>a</sup> 1692  
 Copy of M<sup>r</sup> Randolph  
 Letter to ye Coff<sup>r</sup> of ye  
 Customes  
 Rec<sup>d</sup> 6 Sept 1692  
 frō M<sup>r</sup> Randolph  
 B. D  
 P. 35  
 Copy of my letter  
 To ye Comm<sup>r</sup>  
 of ye Customs.

## CXII.

RANDOLPH TO BLATHWAYT ON THE MURDER OF CAPTAIN  
 MARSHALL.

*Collection of the Rev. W. T. Blathwayt.*

Point Comfort: July: 13<sup>th</sup> 1692:

S:

The L<sup>t</sup> Gon<sup>r</sup> came heither 2 or 3 dayes ago to see the  
 fleet made vp . of which onely some of the largest who loaded  
 in Maryland. On y<sup>e</sup> 23 of June Coll. Copley sent a list but  
 of 10 who had giuen security to sayle with the Convoy: tho'  
 vpon my visiting some ships which were not inserted in that  
 list I found 2 illegall traders: I find Coll: Copley does very  
 much adhere to the Collectors of Maryland wheither I am  
 going from hence in my way to N: Eng<sup>d</sup> here has been a  
 barbarous Murther Committed by the Boat swain & a sayler  
 of the Assistance frigott. vpon Cap<sup>t</sup> Marshall an Inhabitant  
 & Justice of the peace of this County they fell vpon him &  
 beat him ashoare . then forcd him into a boat & carried him  
 aboard he was so much wounded that after ye Surgeon  
 had

had drest his wounds was laid in a Cabbin but next morning was missing & since his body never seen. Its supposed he was thrown ouerboard in the night. the Leif<sup>r</sup> Gon<sup>r</sup> presence was very necessary to prevent a greater mischeife: for the Inhabitants were so enraged that they would haue fallen vpon all the saylers of that frigott vnlesse they had sent Cap<sup>t</sup> Marshall a shoare: the L: Gon: orderd the Justices of ye peace to be summoned. they examined the Witnesses & found principall the Boatswain. etc: the Gon<sup>r</sup> sent his warr<sup>t</sup> to haue them sent ashore which was done: but vpon their Confession to a Minister they protest they know not what became of him after he was putt into a Cabin: for they were putt in Irons:<sup>416</sup> vnlesse I can haue a Good sloop with men to go aboard ships going out & coming in the Capes I cannot do the service expected: I intend to send you a list of all ships Trading irregularly if I can gett it dispatchd before the Commandore sayle. my humble service to M<sup>r</sup> Powey. I am S<sup>r</sup>

Your most humble serv<sup>t</sup>

ED. RANDOLPH

the whole ffileet will consist of about 120 sayle. never more in one yeare went out of y<sup>e</sup> Capes.  
S<sup>r</sup>

I remind you that its necessary that 3 or 4 M<sup>n</sup> of Bristoll be

<sup>416</sup> An account of this tragic affair is given in *Calendar of State Papers, America and West Indies*, 1692, no. 2331, from which it appears that Townsend, the captain of the Assistance, was little to blame in the matter, but the absolute want of discipline and order

on the King's ships is illustrated by this case. William Dolby and Edward Legge were condemned to death for the murder (*Calendar of State Papers, America and West Indies*, 1692, no. 2593), but were reprieved by the Council of Virginia.



be agreed with for freight for your Boards: for I cannot do it here: as also for M<sup>r</sup> Chaplins: I haue gott 500 ffote of Boards for him . he is not to know what I haue provided for you. I haue them from ye Eastern shoare. I haue bespoken of thomas Evernden at little Annameffeck on ye Eastern shore 10000 foot of pine planks & as much black Walnutt plank as he could possibly provide: & 5000 for M<sup>r</sup> Chaplin of Coll Charles Scarburrow: at puncatege on ye Eastern shore. I am to giue them bills for what I haue from them to Eng<sup>d</sup> & must draw on M<sup>r</sup> Chaplin: for his 5000: & for y<sup>r</sup> also but beleue he will take it ill at my hands that I provide more for you then for him: letters must be wrote by ye Masters as well to them as to me: but god willing I will be present at the loading it: all: I am at about 3<sup>h</sup> charge to passe the Great Bay of Chesepeak: haue done it 4 tymes already & am now vndertaking the 5. you cannot imagine y<sup>e</sup> difficultyes I vndergo in getting from ship to ship in James River: the men of war cannot spare me a boat so often as I want: Its not my fault that I haue not gott 2 or 300<sup>h</sup> since my arrivall . but tho I gett onely my labour for my paines yet the illegall Traders will be affrighted to heare I will lett none of them be at quiett: I am s<sup>r</sup>

I haue wrote something to M<sup>r</sup> Henley  
about providing ships to take your Boards  
aboard etc:

Y<sup>n</sup> E R

[*Endorsed*] Virg<sup>a</sup> 13 July 1692  
From M<sup>r</sup> Randolph  
Rec<sup>d</sup> 6 Sept: 1692

[*Addressed*] To M<sup>r</sup> Blathwayt.

CXIII.

POSTSCRIPT TO CXII.

S:

Point Comfort July 13.92

This is onely to acquaint you that L: Gon: Nicholson has wrote you very largely & sent his & all my letters inclosed in a Box. & delivered safe to Cap: Townsend the Commandore. which I hope you will receiue vpon his first coming to port. the L: Gon: giues you his humble service & to M<sup>r</sup> povey. also. I am S:

Your most humble seru:

I haue provided you

ED RANDOLPH

10000 ffoot of pine boards etc :

if my wife call for letters or to enquire after my health lett her know I am well & hope in god to continue so :

[*Endorsed*]

Virg<sup>a</sup> 13 July 1692

From M<sup>r</sup> Randolph

Rec<sup>d</sup> 6 Sept: 1692

ffor their Ma<sup>ties</sup> speciall service

[*Addressed*]

to the Hon<sup>ble</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Blathwayt  
Whitehall:



## CXIV.

## RANDOLPH TO [BLATHWAYT?] ON COPLEY'S CONDUCT.

*Collection of the Rev. W. T. Blathwayt.*

from aboard their Ma<sup>ties</sup> frigott ye  
 Affistance vnder sayle off C: Henry:

July 17<sup>th</sup> 1692 . . .

S<sup>r</sup>:

I am here accompaniing the L<sup>d</sup> Gon<sup>l</sup> to see the fleet dif-  
 patchd: & hope they will haue a safe arrivall in Eng<sup>d</sup> there  
 are now vnder sayle 100. & would haue been very many  
 more if Gon<sup>l</sup> Copley had thought it for their Ma<sup>ties</sup> service  
 to oblige all as well as 12 at the most to sayle vnder Convoy:  
 But he is for driving his private Interest: there has been  
 letters passd between him & ye Commandore. & now to jus-  
 tifye all his proceedings. One William Blankinstein.<sup>417</sup> a  
 Holsteiner born: & a Tayler is the man by Presid<sup>t</sup> Black-  
 stons recommendation appointed the Gon<sup>l</sup> Envoy extraordi-  
 nary. to y<sup>e</sup> Lords of the Councill. to y<sup>e</sup> Admiralty with  
 complaints ag<sup>t</sup> Cap<sup>t</sup> Townsend. & to y<sup>e</sup> Custome house ag<sup>t</sup>  
 me: I am glad I haue just now knowledge of y<sup>e</sup> design: I  
 think all the M<sup>r</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> Virginia fleet vnder his convoy will  
 Justifie the Commandores Care & diligence in getting the  
 fleet to sea: & as for what I haue wrote to you about Gon<sup>l</sup>  
 Coplyes manage in his New Gom<sup>l</sup> & of M<sup>r</sup> Blackstones &  
 M<sup>r</sup>

<sup>417</sup> William Blankenstein appears as  
 the agent of Maryland at New York re-  
 garding the quota to be furnished for the

defence of Albany (*Calendar of State  
 Papers, America and West Indies*, 1691,  
 no. 1702).

Mr Platers conniving at & promoting the irregular Traders & what damages the Merc<sup>ts</sup> do susteine in their Trade thereby . pray lett Cap<sup>t</sup> Bartholomew Watts of the Globe & Cap<sup>t</sup> Samuells Phillips of the Baltamore be examined: they are lately come from Maryland & haue been acquainted with the present state thereof: the people haue been already vp in arms 100 together about the House of deputies making laws & laying heavy Impositions on ye people in the Absence of their Burgessees Code is come home he is inveterate ag<sup>t</sup> Blackstone tells ye Gon<sup>l</sup>: he is a Great Rogue. there is laid vpon the people about 500 weight of tobacco a head towards defraying the present Rates: I am going theither & will passe as quietly thro. my busines as I can: but expect that Neither Gon<sup>l</sup>: Copley will admitt of your Deputation to me Nor the Collectors shew me their accounts. till these matters are Considered & new directions from home: Peter Paggen <sup>418</sup> Merc<sup>t</sup> in London . is Gon<sup>l</sup>: Copleys treasurer all his bills are directed & made payable to him. the Leiftn<sup>t</sup> Gon<sup>l</sup>: & I are returning to Kiquetan . from thence I go to Maryl<sup>d</sup> & he to the Eastern shore to secure the Capes from Privateers: he is very well & giues you his humble service. Cap<sup>t</sup> Townsend will waite vpon you at his arrivall . & lett you know how different Gon<sup>l</sup>: Copleys methods to serue their Mat<sup>ies</sup> are from L<sup>l</sup>: Gon<sup>l</sup>: Nicholfons. Madam Mathews aboard ye Perry & Jane bound for Eng<sup>d</sup> has promised me to see my wife if in London. I wish you  
all

<sup>418</sup> Peter Paggan was a London merchant of importance, and was consulted by the Lords of Trade as to naval stores, in 1694 (*Calendar of State Papers, America and West Indies*, 1694, no. 959).

all happines: my humble service to M<sup>r</sup> Blathwayt to M<sup>r</sup> Chaplin & to M<sup>r</sup> Parry. I am S<sup>r</sup>

Your most humble seru<sup>t</sup>

L<sup>t</sup> Gon<sup>r</sup> Nicholfon giues M<sup>r</sup> Blathwayt ED. RANDOLPH:  
his humble service.

pray excuse my long letters. I omitt many things necessary to be known because I would not trouble you . but I may not forgett that I haue spoake with Thomas Warner M<sup>r</sup> of the Hopewell of Bristoll who will bring M<sup>r</sup> Blathwayt some of his boards vpon Mr Henleys agreem<sup>t</sup> who can do what he pleases with him & many other of ye Bristoll Masters

[*Endorfed*]

Virg<sup>a</sup> 17 July 92  
From M<sup>r</sup> Randolph  
Rec<sup>d</sup> 6 Sept 92

[*Addressed*]

To the Hon<sup>ble</sup>  
M<sup>r</sup> Blathwayt . <sup>419</sup> at/  
Whitehall:

By Cap<sup>t</sup> Townsend :  
Commandore

R : D : G./

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<sup>419</sup> From internal evidence it would appear certain that this letter is not to Blathwayt at all.

CXV.

RANDOLPH TO BLATHWAYT ON THE GOVERNMENT  
OF CAROLINA.

*Collection of the Rev. W. T. Blathwayt.*

from aboard y<sup>e</sup> Assistance frigott  
off Cape Henry . July : 17<sup>th</sup> 1692

S<sup>r</sup>:

The bearer hereof M<sup>r</sup> Ifaac Gerrart is lately come from South Carolina he has been in publick Employ<sup>mt</sup> & can give you a perticuler account of the present distracted state of that place thro'. the arbitrary proceeding of the proprietors . managed by Coll Ludwell: <sup>420</sup> Its the opinion of all Gen<sup>d</sup> here that Its for their Ma<sup>ties</sup> Interest to settle that plantation vnder an Immediate Gon<sup>t</sup> from the Crown: for as it is now none of the Inhabitants are assured of their Lands & Estates. I intend at my return from N: Eng<sup>d</sup> to make a visite theither by that tyme I shall haue an opportunity throly to vnderstand the resolutions of ye poeple & will gett an Adresse from them to their Ma<sup>ties</sup> that they would please to take them vnder their immediate protection. I am S<sup>r</sup>

your most obliged humble ser<sup>t</sup>

L<sup>t</sup> Gon<sup>t</sup> Nicholson has discourfd ED RANDOLPH

Gerratt & has promised to assist me all he can at my return, in managing in that province for their Ma<sup>ties</sup> service.

[signed] ffr: Nicholson

I

<sup>420</sup> Philip Ludwell had been appointed by the Proprietors Governor of "Carolina" (without further definition) on 8th November, 1691. His proceedings,

which were but little better than those of Seth Sothen, whom he succeeded, are chronicled in the *State Papers* for that and the following years.

I hope if I bring that place vnder their Ma<sup>ties</sup> obedience I shall be well rewarded for my care & charg  
 S<sup>r</sup> Cap<sup>t</sup> Townsend Our Commandore will hasten ye Bearer to you . & will giue you an account from y<sup>e</sup> first port he maks both of the fleet & of his perticuler proceedings.

[*Addressed*] ffor their Ma<sup>ties</sup> speciall service  
 to the Hon<sup>ble</sup>  
 M<sup>r</sup> Blathwayt at the  
 Plantation Office  
 Whitehall :  
 by Ifaac Guarard /

[*Endorsed*] 17 July 1692  
 From M<sup>r</sup> Randolph  
 by M<sup>r</sup> Gurrat

## CXVI.

## POSTSCRIPT TO CXV.

S<sup>r</sup> July : 17<sup>th</sup> 92.  
 Their Ma<sup>ties</sup> haue Men of Warr in the Capes, at New York & New Eng<sup>d</sup> I beleiue it would be of great service to their Ma<sup>ties</sup> if I was appointed to muster the men aboard Every ship when euer I came where they be at an Anchor which will not (as I think) prejudice my other busines. I am  
 Y<sup>n</sup> ED. RANDOLPH

S<sup>r</sup>  
 the ship Henry Cap<sup>t</sup> ffinch Commander  
 has not 30 able men aboard his complem<sup>t</sup> is 70:

[*Addressed*]

[*Addressed*] To the Hon<sup>ble</sup>  
M<sup>r</sup> Blathwayt  
at Whitehall  
by Cap<sup>t</sup> Townfend  
Commandore  
R : D : G :

[*Endorsed*] Virg<sup>a</sup> 17 July 1692  
From M<sup>r</sup> Randolph  
Rec<sup>d</sup> 6 Sept. 1692

CXVII.

RANDOLPH TO BLATHWAYT ON COPLEY AND BLACKISTON.

*Collection of the Rev. W. T. Blathwayt.*

S:

Patuxent . July : 28 : 92 :

I haue made a second attempt vpon Coll Blackiston & at laft gott a fight of his papers . all in as great confufion as you can think of : he giues no account of any money due to their Ma<sup>ties</sup> nor has for many yeares done it. I find the Gon<sup>l</sup> wards for him but to no pvrpose I haue told ye Gon<sup>l</sup> & also giuen it vnder my hand to M<sup>r</sup> Blackiston . that vnlesse he forthwith draw vp his accounts . & sweare them before ye Gon<sup>l</sup> I will suspend him.

I preffd the registring of y<sup>r</sup> deputation to me the Gon<sup>l</sup> tells me he has wrote to you by this oppertunity . & ads withall that in regard the word Maryland is not expreffd he cannot offer it to the Gen<sup>l</sup> Affsembly : but will do what he can for you he has made Thomas Tench one of his Coun-  
cill Receiuer Gen<sup>l</sup> the people begin to complaine. M<sup>r</sup>  
Guinn

Guinn his Attorney Gen<sup>l</sup> is dead. I am going to pennfil-  
 vania & thence to visit y<sup>e</sup> Northern parts of my walke . to  
 discover what Tobacco is carried theither from those tobacco  
 plantations more then the Collectors charg themselves with:  
 I haue taken care for Acorns etc: for you & my freinds . S<sup>r</sup>  
 Jō. Louthier M<sup>r</sup> Lounds etc: my humble service to M<sup>r</sup> povey .  
 to M<sup>r</sup> Chaplin . etc. I am S<sup>r</sup>

Your humble ser<sup>t</sup>

ED RANDOLPH.

[*Addressed*] ffor their Ma<sup>ties</sup> speciall service.  
 To the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Mr Blathwayt  
 at Whitehall.  
 by Cap<sup>t</sup> Wharton.

[*Endorsed*] Maryland  
 28 July 92  
 From M<sup>r</sup> Randolp  
 Rec<sup>d</sup> 22 No. 92

### CXVIII.

#### RANDOLPH TO BLATHWAYT ON THE AFFAIRS OF NEW YORK.

*Collection of the Rev. W. T. Blathwayt.*

*Copy*

New Yorke August 16<sup>th</sup> 1692

S<sup>r</sup>

My last to you was from treadhaven in Maryland, by  
 Cap<sup>m</sup> Mead . Which I hope is come safe to you on the  
 5<sup>th</sup> Instant I was at Philadelphia and found great Disorder  
 for want of Governm<sup>t</sup> they harbour Privateers who haue  
 brought in A great Booty and purchase houses Land Vessells  
 &c. in the jerseys Murthers are committed and all Manner  
 of

of Villany It's an Afylum for Debtors from New Yorke. prohibited Goods are landed there and no Law to prevent it on the 9<sup>th</sup> I called at Burlington in W. Jerfey where M<sup>r</sup> Tatham (formerly Gray) has built A very fine houfe he was counter security for Hart M<sup>r</sup> of A floop which carryed her loading of Tobacco to Scotland directly he is not Worth A Groate and Tatham out of the reach of Juftice from thence to Delaware Yatts where in february laft the River in A Day and A night rofe 30 foot in height and carryed Away many Dwelling houfes Barnes and all the foile they flood upon and the people Miraculoufly preferued thence to Piscataqua Towne in Eaft jerfey about 100 men in it but the Towne of Woodbridge about eight Miles further fettled by A Colony of New England men has aboue 100 houfes and Elizabeth about as many the Inhabitants of both jerfey's haue not for fome Years laft paft been at one Penny Charge nor is it in their power to raife Money. the 12<sup>th</sup> following I came to New Yorke and made A Vifit to Maj<sup>r</sup> Ingoldesby at the ffort I was heartyly gladd to find all in peace and Quiett attributed wholly to M<sup>r</sup> Grahams care and Contrivance as alfo that their Majefties haue A fettled Revenue and indeed he is in Effect Gove<sup>r</sup> Councill and Affembly too I fend You A Copy of the fpeech he compofed for Maj<sup>r</sup> Ingoldesby upon the Meeting of the Affembly by which you fee the Prefent ftate of Albany and of the Govern<sup>t</sup> I haue made ftrict Inquiry with ffredrick Phillips and More Efppecially with M<sup>r</sup> Courtland and others <sup>421</sup> who Ingenioufly

<sup>421</sup> Moft of the perfons mentioned in this letter are fufficiently characterifed in the *New York Colonial Documents*. With regard to Dudley, Pinhorn, and Townley,



Ingeniously say that had they not perswaded the Maj<sup>r</sup> to take possession of the ffort they had been Alltogether by the Ears his cheife Care is to keep all in A steady poise till the Gov<sup>r</sup> Arrivall. I Question not but you haue been Plentifully addresssed by M<sup>r</sup> Dudley from the first shewing how forward he has been and what pains he has taken to haue your salary as Auditor allowed and Duely paid how diligent to seeke the peace and Promote the good of this People that his Labour has been to advance their Maj<sup>ties</sup> Intrest in obtaining A settled Revenue to support the Governm<sup>t</sup> Such Topycks he can write largely upon but every word is false for in the first place when M<sup>r</sup> Courtland and M<sup>r</sup> Graham the two only men who heartly espoused their Majestys Intrest and would that Your salary should be allowed and paid as by a Vote of the Assembly obtained by M<sup>r</sup> Graham which I Inclose pursuant wherunto the Gov<sup>r</sup> Dudley Brooks &c to this day Receive their fallary Coll Smith and Brook inspired by their Oracle Dudley opposed it but M<sup>r</sup> Graham so reasoned the Matter with Coll Smith that he and Brooks were the next Day as Vigorous for it Yett Pinhorne Byard Phillips & Menveile were still against it tho M<sup>r</sup> Graham upon all Occasions urged the justice and Necessity of doeing it the plain Truth is the three Latter do not oppose it in Relation to You but quarrell that M<sup>r</sup> Cortland of as good an estate as any of them should haue A place of profit and they without.

Townley, Randolph's statement is borne out by an anonymous document in the Record Office (*Board of Trade, New York*, Vol. IV. no. 921), in which, moreover, van Cortlandt and Bayard are charged with abetting Leifler, and Min-

ivell is called "a Frenchman of ill repute." William Smith had been Mayor of Tangier during the English occupation (1662-1683). Livingston and Chidley Brooke are spoken of elsewhere.

out. at this moment is a great Dispute about it I beleive M<sup>r</sup> Graham will gett it over otherwise No Accōts Audited. Pinhorne only withstands it in A Vowed prejudice to you being Dudleys Creature and of the New England faction. I haue spent A little time to Informe myselfe of the Qualifications of the Councill at New York Phillips Bayard Courtland & Menveile are Men of very good estates and steddly to their Maj<sup>ties</sup> Governm<sup>t</sup> Dudley Johnson and Pinhorne haue no Estates in y<sup>e</sup> Province and its A Great heart burning to Most of the Inhabitants that meer strangers should be appointed to Dispose of their Lives and Estates Townly lives in jersey and therfore only refuseth As for Maj<sup>r</sup> Peter Schuyler of Albany one of the New councellors he has acted the Part of A Braue man for the Preservation of the Country he marched with 100 men & fell upon A body of 5 or 600 ffrench designed for Albany he killed 130 upon the spott and Wounded 50 more with the Los of few on his side as for Lawrence and Johnson two Infiped Wretches unworthy of their Majesties favour Refuseing to pay the ffees of their Warr<sup>ts</sup> after they had Passed their word to Mr Graham & M<sup>r</sup> Cortland to do it Its Certainly for their Majesties service to remoue such unproper and Unnecessary Tooles as Pinhorne Lawrence & Johnson Who only fill the Roome of Oy<sup>rs</sup> of Good Estates and Abilitys to serve in Councill at this time especially when men of Intrest and Resolution are most Necessary M<sup>r</sup> Robert Livingstone A man of a Great Estate at Albany and well known in all Matters of this Governmt (but Coll Dongan) if asked will be of anoy<sup>r</sup> Opinion because he would not be bubled by him Charles Lodwick Merch<sup>t</sup> in New Yorke well knowne to his  
Grace

Grace of Cantuary and M<sup>r</sup> Lewis Morris he has the Greateft Eftate in the Country (heire to Old Coll Morris) he lately Married M<sup>r</sup> Grahams Daughter, of a good Genius and Capacity to ferve their Majefties in the Government

S<sup>r</sup> you may Pleafe to Remember that in the Yeare 1687 when M<sup>r</sup> Courtland & M<sup>r</sup> Graham Managed the Office of Coll<sup>r</sup> &c of New Yorke By Commiſſion they Raiſed the Revenue that yeare to £5500 Received by them in Caſh beſides £600 in Valuable ſecurity left in the Office when Plowman ſucceeded and that M<sup>r</sup> Graham was then diſplaced to make Room for A paſiſt but M<sup>r</sup> Brooks the Coll<sup>r</sup> has not made aboue £3000 in Caſh & £300 in fines . Upon non Appearance in Court &c which is a great Loſs to the Crowne Diſcontent to the Inhabitants & Leſſens your ſalary In S<sup>r</sup> Edmond Androfs Gov<sup>t</sup> there was A perſon who managed the Office of Comptrouler & ſurvey<sup>r</sup> of their Majeſties Cuſtomes in New Yorke And had About £60 A Yeare for that ſervice but now no ſuch Officer and the Preſent Officers of the Cuſtomes & Revenue are All of M<sup>r</sup> Brooks Appointment and as he tells me ſworne by himſelfe in my ſeverall Letters to the Cuſtome houſe I haue Represented the Uſe-fulneſs of ſuch Officers in Virginia & Maryland alſo and now in my Private Letters to M<sup>r</sup> Booth S<sup>r</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Southwell & S<sup>r</sup> John Weerden haue propoſed the Care of that office to M<sup>r</sup> Graham and pray'd their Hond<sup>s</sup> Deputation may be directed to him accordingly his Eldeſt ſon is Very Capable and With his Aſſiſtance will giue a good Accōt of his Managem<sup>t</sup> in that Office

I am heartyly ſorry to find M<sup>r</sup> Graham after ſuch A ſucceſſion of Troubles and the Loſs of Aboue £1500 as M<sup>r</sup> Courtland

Courtland and others of Creditt Informe me which he has spent in their Majesties [service] since he left New Yorke should after all his suffrings and hardships haue his hopes of Refettlement in his former Offices in New Yorke frustrated by the Malitious Contrivance of Dudley his Pretended freind who brought in Pinhorne A Confederate of his to be Recorder and Newton A silly fellow and therfore fitt to be his Tool to be Attorney Gen<sup>l</sup>. Persons no way Deserveing and Alltogether uncapable to execute those Offices Mr Graham has A Numerous family to Maintain & lives Upon the Expence and has only the Empty Title of Attorney Generall to support it the Proffitts being sweeped away by Dudley and Newton and now since all Places of Profitt and Advantage In this Governm<sup>t</sup> Are Disposd of already . twill be A due favor unto him to be Restored to the Records place of New Yorke besides Pinhorne Lives in East jersey to which is no Passage by Land aboue 20 miles from hence and No man but Dudley would haue done such A Preposterous thing When as Mr Graham was an Inhabitant of New Yorke had their Lord's Orders to be Restored and Allways Resident Upon the Place and Also that you would please to procure an order from their Majesties to this Governm<sup>t</sup> to settle A Yearly fallary Upon him as their Attorney Gen<sup>l</sup> he Draws up all the Laws States & Manages all Publick Affairs has little Consideration for Doeing it till some thing of More advantage Presents and that in your Addresses to Gov<sup>r</sup> ffletcher You will Please to Recommend him to his favor being the only Person fitt to Advize w<sup>th</sup> in the Affairs in this Govern<sup>t</sup> and I Question not but upon such Encouragem<sup>t</sup> Your salary will be Advanced to £500 A yeare I am Un-

willing

willing to deteine you with makeing unnecessary Reflections Upon Ioseph the Jew (for so now M<sup>r</sup> Dudley is called) Yett I may not without Injustice to their Majesties Intrest and Many of their suffering subjects in this Province be wholly silent and therefore think it my duty to lay him open in his Colours. I omitt the Bribery and Injustice the Perjury & flattery Commonly Charged Upon him at the Tryall of those Persons who Ruined A thriveing Country and an Industrious People & being plentifully Rewarded for that Disservice to the Crowne his Next projects was to gett 2 or £3000 Upon 6 french ships taken Condemned and sold in New Yorke by Leislars Commicōn and in his Gover<sup>t</sup> in the first place he settts his bellows to work and by his Emisarys blowed it abroad that those Vessells being forreigne Bottoms could not trade till made free by a Legall Condemnatōn & therupon their Owners who had paid Considerably for them Unwilling to loose all made use of some of his Confidants to moue him for A new tryall of their Vessells the good man Pitying their Conditōn Prevailed with Govern<sup>r</sup> Slaughter to erect A Court of Admiralty which tho he had no Commicōn from the Admiralty to Doe nor to Appoint A judge Registor &c. Yett A Court was erected and Dudley gott Johnson A Cloake for his Knavery to be joyned in Commicōn with him and on the 27<sup>th</sup> March : 91. the play began 4 of the 6 ships mentioned in the Inclosed paper I had from Tuder the Register were Informed against and Condemned in A trice by which proceedings Right or Wrong the Oweners were Devested of their Vessells and some of them forced to pay Extravigant prices to haue them againe others not able to pay what was Arbitrary demanded by Dudleys Factors left them upon his hands

hands which he sold at his owne price there being not one of them Aprized May the 2<sup>d</sup>: 91 and August the thirteenth following two Vessells were condemned and Aprized Also judge Iohnson for so they call him told me he had 10<sup>b</sup> Upon Condemnation of every Vessell but Knew not what they were sold at Newton Received of ffredrick Phillips in Gold £500 for one of them Coll Slaughter had what M<sup>r</sup> Dudley thought fitt for he was Cheife and Chapman and its reasonably be- lieved he gott about £1500 by this Project but the People Were so highly Incensed ag<sup>t</sup> him that Injured M<sup>r</sup> Graham Upon the Crocadiles Tears Appeased the Rabble else they had soon Destroyed his judge ship.

And now who after this Would Question but he was sufficiently Gorged and would try at least to live honestly . and so some say he did A little while but as every New Dish Creates A fresh Appetite in A Glutton Lo another Morfell Presents which he would permitt no man to Cook but himselfe. The Matter was thus — About A Month after the ship Zelandia Cap<sup>m</sup> Ryer Cornelise Comma<sup>r</sup> Came to an anchor at Sandy hook 7 Leagues of New Yorke Loaden with wines Duffalls Holland &c to the Value of £5000 & Upwards he had Letters of Mart and prayed Liberty to Dispose of 20 pipes of Medera Wine to supply his wants but his Designe was to trade. Some of the Members of Councill advized that it was fitt the Ma<sup>r</sup> should come to N: Yorke & make Oath to A particular of what he wanted but M<sup>r</sup> Presid<sup>t</sup> Exceeding Tender of y<sup>e</sup> Hono<sup>r</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> Govern<sup>t</sup> unwilling to put any Difficulty upon an Aly proposed that it was better for A Person well acquainted with y<sup>e</sup> Dutch Language should be sent Aboard to see the letters of Mart and also to take an Acco<sup>t</sup> of What  
he

he wanted And accordingly he Undertook the service more proper for the Coll<sup>r</sup> and to the end there might be no Delay put upon A Matter of y<sup>t</sup> Concerne he took with him A Blanck Warr<sup>t</sup> Under the Govern<sup>t</sup> hand & seale which he twice Corrected & Amended before it would serve his Turne thus furnished goes aboard in Company with some Dutch Merch<sup>ts</sup> who were to Carry on the Intreague and [upon] his Returne the warr<sup>t</sup> is produced to the Coll<sup>r</sup> filled Up with M<sup>r</sup> Dudleys owne handwriting and now in the Coll<sup>r</sup>s Custody (A Copy of which I also Inclose) for Liberty to sell to the Value of £650 this Warr<sup>t</sup> Prevented Cap<sup>m</sup> Hicks from seizeing the Zelandia he had y<sup>e</sup> Confidence to fend Josuah Broadbent<sup>422</sup> to the Merch<sup>t</sup> of that ship for 40 p<sup>s</sup> 8 which Bradbent Received and paid him Duffalls & Holland he sent to shewe to some of his freinds for his use Now After all this Adoe it cannot be mad Apear y<sup>t</sup> £20 was laid for Necessaries for the ship being not 10 weeks at see Depeyster had bought one of those french ships & sent her to load Wine at the Mederas at her Returne Cap<sup>m</sup> Hicks seized her Comeing in Near Sandy hook at which Depeyster was much Concerned & forthwith Repaired to his Oracle he had A salve for the law provided the Doct<sup>r</sup> was Well paid & an Informac<sup>o</sup>n was Exhibitted in Court in Depeysters Name Dated two days before y<sup>e</sup> seizure of this ship by which means Cap<sup>m</sup> Hicks was Debarred y<sup>e</sup> benefitt of his seizure & the Profecucon laid asleep upon his paying Round ffees. What shall I mention his

<sup>422</sup> Joshua Brodbent was one of those imprisoned with Andros. A remarkable letter of his as to the New England witches, addressed to Nicholson, is pre-

served (*Calendar of State Papers, America and West Indies*, 1692, no. 2283).

his Ingratitude to Dr Coxe<sup>428</sup> who gaue him bread in London he Intrusted him to sell A Cargoe of Goods £1000 Value at New Yorke which he sold at 65 p Cent proffitt to his freind Depeister & Charged 5 p Cent for Commicōn when feverall Merch<sup>ts</sup> sold the like goods at y<sup>e</sup> time for 130 p Cent In New Yorke & now After this and A Long Chain of his frauds & Briberys known & felt by too too many in this Province Muſt their Maj<sup>ties</sup> Intrest the Peace & preservation & all thats good in y<sup>is</sup> Province be sacrafised to the boundless Ambition of this Ignis fatuus I find y<sup>e</sup> Councill had very great Regard to their Majeſtyes Commicōn & what they have done in Order to Quieting the Mind of All the Good People and for Continuing the peace of the Province has been done of Absolute Neceſſity and Not Choice y<sup>e</sup> Now Labour Under Great Difficulty want of money men Amunicōn &c & the ffrench Dayly Expected at Albany haueing lately Rec<sup>d</sup> plentifull ſupplies of All ſorts for warr and its an Unexpected Bleſſing that they Yett Agree to Raiſe men and Money for their Common Defence

By this time if not ſooner his great Patriott Coll Dongan is arrived in England full freight w<sup>th</sup> Dudleys Comp<sup>ts</sup> & Inveſtives ag<sup>t</sup> the Preſent ſettlement of the Province till the Arrivall of A Govern<sup>r</sup> I know he brings credentialls from M<sup>r</sup> Dudley they are Oblidged to Aſſiſt one y<sup>e</sup> other being both Great Invaders upon y<sup>e</sup> Right of the Crowne And oppreſſors of their ſubjects Like Death ſpareing none when in their Power to Destroy them and if they haue done no more  
wrong

<sup>428</sup> Dr. Daniel Coxe was (with fix others) one of the proprietors of New Jerſey.



wrong it was want of Opportunity Not will to Effect it I haue no prejudice Ag<sup>t</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Dudley what I haue Wrote is Experimentally True & but y<sup>e</sup> Epitome of what you will Receive from hence when the Govern<sup>r</sup> is Arrived Everybody fetts Downe at present w<sup>th</sup> their Loss fearing an Unluckey sparke may Renue the flame Certainly the Councill of New Yorke whatever may be objected by Men of Intrest and Passion haue done good service to the Crowne & Preserved the peace of the Province by Desiring Maj<sup>r</sup> Ingoldsby to take upon him the Charge of the fort and Governm<sup>t</sup> till orders from England Otherwise had Dudley happened to be in the Province & succeeded Gov<sup>r</sup> Slaughter he would Iudas Like haue sold his King his Country & the Liberty of the People to the Next frank Bidder. I am goeing from hence to N: England & from thence Returne to Virginia the Latter end of September Next where I shall be Ready to Receiue Yo<sup>r</sup> Commands My humble service to the Little M<sup>r</sup> & M<sup>rs</sup>. I am

Your humble Serv<sup>t</sup>:-

[*signed*] ED RANDOLPH

Wee haue the News that M<sup>r</sup> Vther & ye Mafts ships are arrived at piscataqua that S<sup>r</sup> Edm<sup>d</sup> Andros & Coll ffletcher are at sea. I haue giuen y<sup>e</sup> Comm<sup>rs</sup> of ye Customs an account of 1174: 10: 1. h due to their Ma<sup>ties</sup> from y<sup>e</sup> severall officers of y<sup>e</sup> Customs in Maryland Pennsilvania & N: York. of which M<sup>r</sup> dudley is chargd 666: 13: 4: the third part of a vessell & cargo seized at N: york by Cap<sup>t</sup> Hicks

I left Capt. Nicholson in a high ferment vpon y<sup>e</sup> News S<sup>r</sup> Edm<sup>d</sup> Andros was coming Gon<sup>g</sup> to Virginia. after he has chargd

chargd him with ye money due to him for his company he will come to Eng<sup>d</sup> & apply for redresse.

Mr Brooks the Collector is proud as Lucifer & negligent in his busines which vpon the arrivall of Gon<sup>d</sup> ffletcher will be rectified. he sends back Danport because he has no busines for him. he intends to imploy a boy in his sted. I heare no just reason for his complaints ag<sup>t</sup> him

[*Endorsed*]

16 Aug: 92  
To the Hon<sup>ble</sup>  
M<sup>r</sup> Blathwayt:

Rec<sup>d</sup> 16 Dec: 92

CXIX.

RANDOLPH TO BLATHWAYT: ACCOUNT OF HIS SURVEY IN  
THE NORTH.

*Collection of the Rev. W. T. Blathwayt.*

Boston in New England 27<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1692

Hon<sup>rd</sup> S<sup>r</sup>

Having passed thro<sup>o</sup> Virginia Mariland Pensilvania New York and from thence to this place, I visited my good freind M<sup>r</sup> Wallis at Piscataqua and found him on board Cap<sup>t</sup> Holmes Ship hastening her Dispatch to be ready as soon as the other Mast Ships, if some of yo<sup>r</sup> trees proved defective and doe not answere the Dimen<sup>cons</sup>, That must be imputed to the poor miserable Condition of the poor Inhabitants of New Hampshire and the Province of Maine who by the ill Conduct of the Bostoners are ruined Their  
Oxen

Oxen used to draw the Mafts out of the Woods are destroyed And so generall a feare of the Indians has fallen upon the people, that they will not for any gaine venture abroad in the Woods as formerly.

I went to Exeter in New Hampshire where are yet 5 Saw Mills remaining I found there was no Care taken to p<sup>r</sup>serve the few trees fit for standing Mafts And M<sup>r</sup> Peter Coffin told Me that Boards being very dear the Loggers fell all trees without any distinction So that he know's not where to finde enough for the Mafts he has contracted for.

Nor has M<sup>r</sup> Brenton <sup>494</sup> who has a privy Seale for the Office of Surveyor of their Ma<sup>ties</sup> Woods in New Hampshire and Maine been once to visit the Woods or appoint any One person to be his Deputy to prevent the great devasta<sup>ti</sup>on of the trees made in those parts of the Provinces adjoining to Piscataqua And tho<sup>o</sup> there are good trees in the more Eastern places of the Province of Maine The People are all cut of And You must be supply'd from Piscataqua this time of War or no where

It's therefore necessary that an Understanding Person be appointed to the Office of Surveyor &c; if M<sup>r</sup> Wallis do not stay in the Country I know no Man so proper as M<sup>r</sup> David Jeffries for that place He is Son in Law to M<sup>r</sup> Usher now L<sup>t</sup> Governor of New Hampshire And his favour will be of great Use.

I have

<sup>494</sup> According to Bellomont (*Treasury Papers*, Vol. LXIII. no. 29. p. 325, Sept. 8, 1699), neither Randolph nor Brenton ever did "six penny worth of work" for their salary as Surveyors of Timber.

He says Brenton employed Ichabod Plaisted as his Deputy, and that Plaisted sold the timber for his own profit. See the next letter.

I have made a short Survey of the Woods betwixt Virginia & Maryland on the Eastern Shore But by reason of the difficulty of going in them in the Summer time I refer that till I return in the Winter.

I am heartily Sorry to finde this Country in 4 yeares time since they imprisoned S<sup>r</sup> Edm: Andros to be so utterly ruined, The Inhabitants besides the Loss of their trade supported by the fishery groan under the Unsupportable Burden of Taxes to pay the Debt contracted by S<sup>r</sup> W. P. his silly Expedition against the French in which above 1000 Men were destroyed, their Vessels lost &c. The town of Salem employ'd 70 large fishing Vessels yearly in taking Codfish, Now but 7 Only, But in many places not one, to the Eastward they are all destroy'd, their townes and houses burnt by the Indians.

The Inhabitants of New Hampshire have most of them left their dwelling houses destitute, & crowd 7 or 8 families into One little house inclosed with Stoccardoes

M<sup>r</sup> Mather boasted in England that if their Ma<sup>ties</sup> would give them their Charter they would make him Emperor of all America But alas! the flower of their Country is destroy'd, Neither if they had a Body of Men, they have No Officers fit to comand them, Nor are they able to defend a little towne against a few Indians

S<sup>r</sup> W P. having been at Charge to obtaine his Gov<sup>t</sup> not knowing how long it will last, drives on furiously, He with some others fitted out a Ship and a Brigantine had men prest by Cap<sup>t</sup> ——— Comand<sup>t</sup> of their Ma<sup>ties</sup> frigott the Nonfuch, under p<sup>r</sup>tence of their Ma<sup>ties</sup> Service But being put on Board the Ship and Brigantine They went to the  
Eastward

Eastward and met a great flyboat bound for Canada which they brought into Boston Harbour having on Board 5 or 600 hhd<sup>t</sup> of Wine, 150 of Brandy, 70 Bailes of Linnen and Woollen Cloth. Severall hhd<sup>t</sup> of Coates made up, Hats, Shirts, Stockings and Barrells of flower Valued some say at 12000<sup>l</sup> Ster<sup>l</sup> some more or less, If the Governo<sup>r</sup> had sent them out in Company of the two frigatts The Conception and Nonfuch And Ordered them all to go to the Mouth of Canada where this prize was taken, We might have prevented the Releife of Quebeck where the People were ready to starve before 15 Saile of Ships from ffrance supplied them with Soldiers, And all Sorts of Provisions and Necessaries for 2 or 3 yeares But the two frigotts were Ordered either to lye in Harbor or at Pemmaquid to guard the Soldiers from the Enemy, whilst they build there a Stone fort

I heartily feare the Los of Albany, And wish that the freindship of the 5 Nations of Indians lying to the Westward of our fouthern Plantations who have hitherto fought vigorously against the ffrench But that place being gone whence they were supplied with Armes and Ammunition they will fall in with the ffrench, Many of them already being Papists, And then We have pulled upon OurSelves nigh 2000 of the Warlikest Indians in those parts of America, who will disturb if not destroy all our Tobacco Plantations

But to make Amends for this great Neglect they Say by the Prison<sup>rs</sup> they have Advice that Some of the Ships will returne about next November And that the ffrigatts with the Ship and Brigantine which took the Prize are all fitting out to take them as they come back But at that time of the Yeare hard Weather setts in And there is no harbouring in those

those frozen Waters Their last Yeares Expedition gave them  
a severe remembrance

I am well assured it was knowne in Boston and in New  
York that Quebeck was severely straitned And if but two  
ffrigatts had appeared before the Towne they would have  
Surrendred for want of bread. Coll Ales then upon his first  
Arrivall at N: York being very sensible of the great danger  
Albany is in Sent to this Governm<sup>t</sup> for a Supply of 200  
Men to reinforce that towne but Nothing here yet con-  
cluded upon The Governo<sup>r</sup> is gone Eastward and hath  
taken with him 4 Whaleing Boates Used in taking Whales,  
And with them will scour the little Creaks and Rivers not  
before once attempted by Ketches and bigger Vessells in  
hopes of making a great hand of it for Beaver Skins &c But  
how he will speed is very uncertaine, if they get Nothing tis  
good Husbandry to put the Charge to the Publick Account.

S<sup>r</sup> Excuse my Entertaining you with this Melancholy  
Discourse I have alwayes said that the Loss of Albany  
would be yet the worst Blow to this part of Our English  
America, As it's a Nationall Concern, so the Charge of  
defending that place ought to be supported from all the  
Provinces and Collonies proportionably But inasmuch as  
they are all Independant and Separate Governm<sup>ts</sup> they will  
not contribute to this publick Defence.

It is true Virginia and Maryland<sup>425</sup> have lately Ordered  
100<sup>l</sup> a peece, but Pensilvania, the Iersies, the Collony of  
Connecticott

<sup>425</sup> Maryland's contribution was trans-  
mitted in the form of three bills of  
exchange, of which, as we might expect  
from our knowledge of Governor Copley,

two were protested and only one paid  
(*Calendar of State Papers, America  
and West Indies*, 1694, no. 378).

Connecticott and Rhode Island who have all this time sat still and saved their Men and Mony, Not One Penny, yet Albany being lost they will all quickly be Overrun But I hope in God such Methods will be taken to save the Towne this Winter, that hereafter We may have no feare of loosing that And a trade carried on there in times of peace of 40000<sup>l</sup> a Yeare in Beaver and Peltry with y<sup>e</sup> 5 Nations of the Indians

My humble Service to yo<sup>r</sup> Lady intreating the Continuance of yo<sup>r</sup> favour

I am Yo<sup>r</sup> most humble Serv<sup>t</sup>

ED: RANDOLPH

[*Enclosure*]

Portsm<sup>o</sup> in New England

21 Octo: 1692

M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Wallis

S<sup>r</sup>. herewiy wee give you a Packett directed to M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Whiteing Containing an address to yeir Ma<sup>ty</sup> Representing ye Deplorable Condition of yis Province, by reason of ye Warr, And praying yat wee may bee annexed to ye Governm<sup>t</sup> of ye Province of ye Massachusetts, wherby their Ma<sup>ty</sup> Interest wilbe better promoted, And yeir Subjects here, better protected and defended.

And because of yo<sup>r</sup> acquaintedness wiy Our Circumstances, by being vpon ye spott, Wee pray your favour to advize M<sup>r</sup> Whiteing in yis affaire and to represent our state before ye King & Councill, if yer be occasion, Viz<sup>t</sup>

That ye present Warr hay reduced us to soe great Poverty that had it not been for Charitable releife from some of our Neighbouring Governm<sup>t</sup> many of our Inhabitants, had not been able to sustaine yemselves.

That

That ye assistance wee have had, of ye Massachusetts souldiers, has hiyerto encouraged our standing, and wiyout ye Continuance of it, wee must Quitt ye Provinse to ye Enemy. & be exposed to ruine & destruction.

That wee cannot expect, yat defense & preservation from ye Massachusetts now, as wee should, were wee in ye same Government.

That it is very necessary for ye Kings service, this provinse should be preserved, oyerwise noe ship can come into ye River for Mafts to supply yeir Ma<sup>ty</sup> Navy.

That noying will more tend to our preservation, yen being United vnder one Governm<sup>t</sup> wiy our Neighbours

And if you happen to have any conversation w<sup>th</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Allen you may advize him, yat ye Generallity of yis people are determined to oppose his claime here to ye Vtmost, Having soe long defended ye Provinse wiy ye Expense of many of our Lives & estates, However if hee bee pleased to make some moderate proposalls, for his owne reimbursements, & so quitt his Claime, they may be disposed to buy yeir peace, if not at to dear a rate

Wee are

S<sup>t</sup> yo<sup>r</sup> most humble servants

W<sup>m</sup> VAUGHAN

RICH. WALDRON.

[*Endorsed*] N England

27 Sept: 92

From M<sup>r</sup> Randolph



## CXX.

RANDOLPH TO THE LORDS OF TRADE ON NEW ENGLAND  
AFFAIRS.*Collection of the Rev. W. T. Blathwayt.*Boston: Sep<sup>r</sup> 29: 1692.May it please y<sup>r</sup> Hon<sup>rs</sup>

By 2 ships from N: york I wrote very largely to y<sup>r</sup> Hon<sup>rs</sup> in my letters of the 16<sup>th</sup> of Aug<sup>r</sup> past. wherein I did humbly represent, that in my passage from Maryland to N: york I stayd' 3 dayes at Newcastle & found M<sup>r</sup> Walliams late Collector there by his own account 135<sup>lb</sup>: 8: 3:  $\frac{1}{4}$  indebted to their Ma<sup>ties</sup> he expects his charges vpon prosecuting seizures out of it: which I told him I had no Order to allow & pressed him to return the mone[y] by Bills to Eng<sup>d</sup>. I called at Burlington in West Jersey where Scotch & other prohibited Goods are frequently brought ouer Land from Amboy in East Jersey. That there is want of an Officer there, but much more of Gom<sup>ts</sup> to support him in the Execution of his duty. That I found M<sup>r</sup> Brookes Collector at N: york regular in his Office, but in regard his vnder-Officers were of his own appointm<sup>ts</sup> a Comptrouler was necessary as in s<sup>r</sup> Edm<sup>d</sup> Andros tyme: The bookes of M<sup>r</sup> Plowman & of his successor Peter d'Lanoy late Collect<sup>rs</sup> at N: york were lost so that I could haue no account of what tobacco had in their tymes been imported theither from virginia: etc: That the present Collector at N: york was indebted to their Ma<sup>ties</sup> 114<sup>lb</sup>: 2: 7: sterl: for their third part of a seizure lately made by him at Amboy: out of which he also expects allowance  
for

for his charges . but his selling 74 Pipes of S<sup>t</sup> Georges wine <sup>426</sup> (part of the Goods there seized by him) Custome free . will encourage illegall trade I then also transmitted to y<sup>r</sup> Hon<sup>ty</sup> an account of 1174 : 10 : 1 :  $\frac{1}{2}$  : due from some of the Collectors in Maryland etc. & from other persons in N: york . & hope those letters are come safe to y<sup>r</sup> Hon<sup>ty</sup>

Being at N: york I heard of a Great fraud committed by M<sup>r</sup> Brentons Deputy Collector at New London in Connecticut Colony . (as fine a port as any in N: Eng<sup>d</sup> , but its great distance from y<sup>e</sup> Gon<sup>l</sup> & principall Collectors giues encouragement to Interlopers to resort theither) And also hearing of the Difference betwixt y<sup>e</sup> Navall Officer & M<sup>r</sup> Brenton the Collector . about Entring & cleering vessells coming to Boston . I thought it necessary to go theither in my way I stayd at Newport on Road Island 3 dayes (hauing a violent fever on me) a place of Confidra[ble] trade to the West India plantations . where M<sup>r</sup> Brenton has appointed Weston clark to be deputy Collector ; there is neither law nor Gom<sup>t</sup> in that Colony . nor another person fitt to be employed in that service . otherwise M<sup>r</sup> Cl might be laid aside : I came to Boston on y<sup>e</sup> 2 instant & found M<sup>r</sup> Brenton full of Complaints that he [&] his Officers were obstructed in their Duty . & one of them lay 8 dayes in Goal for saying he had a power [to] shew for what he did : or words to that effect . that vessells with the Ennumerated Comodities came from y<sup>e</sup> plantations to Boston & ye M<sup>ns</sup> were forbid by the Gon<sup>l</sup> to produce to y<sup>e</sup> Collector their Certificates of Bond giuen where they loaded

<sup>426</sup> St. George is one of the Azores Islands. The seventeenth century popularity of the wines from the Spanish and Portuguese Islands is well known.

loaded . so that he knew not wheither the quantities & qualities of all those Goods aboard were Containd in the Certificates: That other vessells loaden with the Ennumerated Comodities were cleered outwards at the Navall Office without shewing the Collector a certificate that bond was first giuen: so that he knows not the quality of such goods as are ship<sup>d</sup> Off . nor the sufficiency of the security.

I waited on S<sup>r</sup> William Phips the Gon<sup>r</sup> who receiued me in his Coach house . & acquainted him the Occasion of my Coming. That I was directed by y<sup>r</sup> Hon<sup>r</sup> to visite & assist the Officers of the Customs where needfull . & to see how the Acts of Parlm<sup>t</sup> were obserued. he replied that was his busines . that the Comm<sup>r</sup> of the Customs had nothing to do in this province, their being none of the Ennumerated Comodities grow[n] amongst them . & so no need of a Collector with those Instructions etc: that I should not Examine Navall Officers bookes or see any Certificates or bonds taken by him: I told him I had receiued sever[al] Articles of Instructions from y<sup>r</sup> Hon<sup>r</sup> relating to him as Gon<sup>r</sup> & to his Navall Officer . that among[st] other things therein Contained, it was directed that before bond giuen for the Ennumerated Comodity[es] the Collector was to be satisfied in the sufficiency of the security. That the Navall Officer & Collector were to sign all Certificates of vessells outward Bound loaden with those comodities. That the Collector was to view & examine the Certificates & Coquetts to discover wheither true or Counterfeit Which he could not do vnlesse they were brought to him . after y<sup>e</sup> M<sup>r</sup> had shewn them to y<sup>e</sup> Navall Officer: the 7<sup>th</sup> following I went againe

again to y<sup>e</sup> Gon<sup>r</sup> house. & after a long stay at his doore he came to me: I gaue him a copy of y<sup>e</sup> 5:8:9:10:11:& 13<sup>th</sup> Articles of my Instructions & after I had told him the mischeifes in Trade that would follow if the Collector was thus prevented from doing his duty. he threatned he would drubb me if I had not been vnder his Roofe: vpon which I left him. I spoake to some of the Councill who told me they had appointed a Navall Officer by their law (herewith transmitted to y<sup>e</sup> Hon<sup>r</sup>) which they would stand by. That it was made to the End M<sup>r</sup> might be obliged to pay but at One Office where as M<sup>r</sup> Brenton exacted extravagant fees of them which he had no Ord[er] from the Gom<sup>r</sup> to receiue. the appointing a Navall Officer in those Out ports opens a doore to all illegall tr[ade] for since the Revolution all the Harbors in N: Eng<sup>ld</sup> are become free ports. & the Ennumerated Comodities are carried to Holland Scotland & Newfoundland without any stop: for the Collector knows neither the Port a vessell is bound to nor her loading: a Vessell is lately gone from Boston to ffrance with a french Pa[ss]e The Navall Officer lately cleered a vessell with Tobacco for Newfoundland. for which y<sup>e</sup> M<sup>r</sup> produced a certificate of his cleering. another arrived 2 dayes ago from thence & went to Salisbury or Nubery where there is a Navall Officer appointed the M<sup>r</sup> lightned his vessell & brought the remainder of his loading to Boston

The Islands of Marthas Vinyard & Nantuckett haue for a long tyme belonged to the Gom<sup>r</sup> of N: york & had alwayes an Officer of the Customs setled amongst them from thence, as also ffishers Island nigh New London those places lye most conveniently in the way from y<sup>e</sup> tobacco Plantations

to Boston. & vessells loading or vnloading there avoid the danger of sands & Ouer falls which founder good ships sometymes [be]tween those Islands & Boston Harbour. not to trouble y<sup>r</sup> Hon<sup>rs</sup> about the Right of soyle or Gom<sup>t</sup> of those Islands. I am humbly of Opinion that Its greatly for their Ma<sup>ties</sup> seruice, that the trade & commerce of those places as also of ffishers Island & Elizabeth Island be continued vnder the Care & direction of N: yorke. otherwise they will become the staple of European & plantation comodities. Some if not all of them being the proprietyes of the great Trading men in this Gom<sup>t</sup> the Inhabitants haue sent their Agents to pray the Gon<sup>t</sup> of N: york to take them vnder his protection: Its private Interest & not their Ma<sup>ties</sup> service which has perswaded the Addition of those Islands to this present Gom<sup>t</sup>;<sup>427</sup> I went from Boston to Salem where Benjamin Gerish is Dep<sup>y</sup> Collector. he is a diligent man. I found in his Bookes about 20 Hogg<sup>ds</sup> of Tobacco cleered in Maryland by M<sup>r</sup> Blackiston & as many mor at Boston. which he refused to account for with me: from thence I went to Piscataqua. where I stayd expecting M<sup>r</sup> Brenton to come to me but he came not: the Pink 3 Brothers Thomas Wilkinson M<sup>r</sup> seized by him [ab]oue a twelue month ago lay there Rotting now not worth 5<sup>lb</sup> & 43 Tons of very good salt part of her [car]go much Embezled. I desired the Gon<sup>t</sup> that their Ma<sup>ties</sup> third part might be secured from further [lo]sse. the pink & loading were appraised at 240<sup>lb</sup> now not worth one third

<sup>427</sup> Of the ludicrous quarrel between Phips and Fletcher as to Martha's Vineyard, a full and entertaining account is given in the *State Paper* calendered as 1693, no. 40, and the documents annexed.

third of that money Pheasant [Est]wick<sup>428</sup> is deputy Collector of that Province.

At my coming to Boston & after my return theither from Piscataqua I preſſd M<sup>r</sup> Brenton to [sh]ew me the account of his feizures & condemnations of ships & Goods & their appraisements that I might [see] what money was due to their Ma<sup>ties</sup> vpon them: as also what Bonds lay in his hands for y<sup>e</sup> appraised value of vessells & Goods seized by him but not prosecuted. but insted thereof without giuing me any [no-]tice went to Road Island I haue now stayed 8 dayes in town for his return, In the meantyme I haue made it my buſines to Enquire into his management, & find hee has been irreguler & arbitrary in his proceedings. [S]ome vefells he has seized & not prosecuted, Other vessells & Goods he has seized & vpon the appraisement made of them by two persons not sworn. has taken Bond for the appraised value, but not yet putt those Bonds in suite: as appeares by the inclosed account.

About Dec<sup>ber</sup> 1691. Thomas ffisher M<sup>r</sup> of the Briganteen Adventure of Londonderry from Scotland lay [o]ff New London in Connecticott Colony. & vpon his producing his Coquett to M<sup>r</sup> Wetherell appointed Dep<sup>y</sup> [Co]llector by M<sup>r</sup> Brenton, entred his Cargo of 2400<sup>lb</sup> value & had a Permitt to land them. he was [un]willing to come into the Harbour with his Briganteen because most of his saylers were [Sc]otchmen: & therefore putt all his Goods aboard a sloop belonging to N: London: M<sup>r</sup> Brenton [co]ming accidentally

<sup>428</sup> The name is given *supra*, Vol. V. p. 216 of the same volume it appears p. 138, as Pheasaal Estwick, but on as Pheasant Estwick.

cidentally from N: york seized the Goods before they were putt ashore . but not the sloop [w]hich imported them. A speciall Court was appointed & a Jury summoned to trye the seizure. Butt before the Court sate M<sup>r</sup> Brenton Compounded with the Scotch Merc<sup>ts</sup> which came directly from Scotland in the Briganteen according to Articles of Agreem<sup>t</sup> signed & sealed by him and them for one halfe of the Cargo onely . & shared it betwixt them at N: London: them [*sic*] M<sup>r</sup> Brenton carried away his Moiety in the same sloop they were first seized & landed them at Road Island & from thence he went to Boston & sold them by Invoice for 1200<sup>lb</sup> to M<sup>r</sup> Byfield & company. afterwards he carried a Mer<sup>t</sup> with him from Boston to Road Island who with another person vpon the place appraised his Moiety before it was delivered to M<sup>r</sup> Byfield<sup>429</sup> for 1050<sup>lb</sup> the Apprizers not being sworn. & he plentifully rewarded the Owner of the sloop which ought [a]lso to haue been seized: I cannot be informd what part of this money he has made him[f]elfe debtor for to their Ma<sup>ties</sup>. Sure I am he would haue obtained a Iudgment against [th]e Briganteen the Goods & the sloop also if he had prosecuted them in the Court vpon the [b]reach of severall Acts of Parlm<sup>t</sup> as by your Hon<sup>rs</sup> Instructions he is obliged to do.

I am now going from hence to N: yorke & from thence to Maryland & Virginia & shall perfect my charg ag<sup>t</sup> Mr Blackiston & other Collectors hauing taken an account from y<sup>e</sup> Collectors

<sup>429</sup> This does not agree with the character of Byfield given elsewhere by Randolph himself (*supra*, Vol. V. pp. 267, 268), where he is spoken of as ejected by the Massachusetts Government. He was certainly an opponent

of Phips (*Calendar of State Papers, America and West Indies*, 1694, nos. 1089 and 1141), and was Brenton's Attorney against him (*Calendar of State Papers, America and West Indies*, 1694, no. 1417).

Collectors bookes in those parts of the Tobacco Imported  
heither from y<sup>e</sup> severall destriicts in those Tobacco Planta-  
tions. I am

Y<sup>r</sup> Hon<sup>rs</sup> most humble seru<sup>t</sup>  
ED RANDOLPH.

[*Addressed*] To the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Mr Blathwayt  
humbly pref<sup>t</sup>

[*Endorsed*] Boston 29 Sept: 1692  
from M<sup>r</sup> Randolph

CXXI.

RANDOLPH TO BLATHWAYT ON FLETCHER AND COPLEY.

*Collection of the Rev. W. T. Blathwayt.*

James Town. Jan<sup>y</sup> 1: 1692.

S<sup>r</sup>

I heartily wish you & all your Children many & many  
happy new yeares I haue travelled thro my whole destriict  
from ye province of Maine to Roanoak in North Carolina  
& visited all the Collectors. by the next I shall present you  
with a perticuler of my proceedings therein. I waited vpon  
Coll ffletcher in my return from Boston. he is a very re-  
ferued Gen<sup>l</sup> he told me S<sup>r</sup> Edm<sup>d</sup> Andros was (as he be-  
leiued) never Guilty of an Immorrall thing. but perceiue  
there was no hearty good Correspondence betwixt them: at  
his going aboard from N: york Gon<sup>l</sup> ffletcher. waited vpon  
him to his pinnace but fired not One Gunn: which was  
taken



taken notice off by all. & discourfing here with S<sup>r</sup> Edm<sup>d</sup> he very much inconvenienced himfelfe at fea parting with his halfe of ye Great Cabin, & lay in a ftanding Cabin in the fteerage that Coll ffletchers family might not bee freightned, and as S<sup>r</sup> Robert Southwell defired was very ffree in difcourfe & informing of the ftate & perfons fitt to be trusted in New york.

I am endeavouring to gett a floope to lye off in the Bay (the Henry prize frigott being layd vp at Old point Comfort for want of Cables & Anchors) to feize vpon the illegall Traders before they gett into Maryland: where they find protection

Copies of the Order in Councill relating to Bulke tobacco are fent to fome in this province & Maryland, which will hardly amount to a Law in the latter, becaufe becaufe it will very much leffen Gon<sup>r</sup> Copleys profitts which arifes vpon the number as well as Tonnage of fhipping. I intend to trye once more what he will fay to your Deputation & wheither I may act as therein directed: I haue found feverall Certificates in my furvey at Bofton etc: figned by M<sup>r</sup> Blackifton & an account made vp by M<sup>r</sup> Mein in 1688: that he is aboue 1000<sup>lb</sup> indebted to their Ma<sup>ties</sup> vpon the duty of 1: penny per pound. vpon tobacco: I am directed by my Inftuctions to fuppend an Officer for neglect etc: but with the approbation of ye Gon<sup>r</sup> I fhall fee how Gon<sup>r</sup> Copley will manage that affaire. I haue mett with feverall Groffe miftakes in fome other Officers which I haue not now tyme to remember. them to you: I take all care I can to haue ready for the next fhipping your Pine Ceder & black Walnutt planke. I humbly intreat the Continuance of y<sup>r</sup> favour  
&

& protection againſt the little contrivances of ſome in Mary-land who are become my open Enemyes becauſe I diſturb their trade by ſeizing illegall Traders . and remaine in all Duty

Your moſt humble ſeru<sup>t</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Sherwood giues yr  
ED RANDOLPH. his humble ſeruice :  
my humble Duty to the E : of Rocheſter.  
I heartily reioice to heare his Lordſ<sup>ſ</sup> is at y<sup>e</sup> Councill Table.

[*Adreſſed*] To the Hon<sup>ble</sup>  
M<sup>r</sup> Blathwayt  
at Whitehall. /

[*Endorſed*] Virginia  
1 Jan<sup>ry</sup> 93 /  
From M Randolph /

He is endeavoring to get a ſloop to Cruife inſtead of y<sup>e</sup> Henry prize  
Pine, Cedar, black Walnut by the next ſhipping

CXXII.

RANDOLPH TO BLATHWAYT SENDING SEEDS ETC.

*Collection of the Rev. W. T. Blathwayt.*

S<sup>r</sup>

Virginia Jan<sup>y</sup> 3: 1692 :

I ſend you a paper of feedes of what I found ſtanding in  
ye woods as I returnd from N: Eng<sup>d</sup> to This place. there  
are black Haws: of virginia: ſome Cotton feedes from N:  
Carolina . & ſome ſena, which the Indians bruife & putting  
the Juce in warm water to make them vomitt. I haue  
ordered ſome Black walnutts to be ſent by the Bark by  
which

which I fend this. M<sup>r</sup> London will trye Experiments to  
make them grow. M<sup>r</sup> Banister ye cheife florist being dead  
here is no man vnderstands the Nature of names of the  
many hundreds growing here different from those in Eng-  
land. with all prosperity I am s<sup>r</sup>

Your humble ser<sup>v</sup>

I am in great

ED RANDOLPH

want of paper:

pray M<sup>r</sup> poveys supply by the next shipping  
to whom my humble seruice/

[*Addressed*] To M<sup>r</sup>. Blathwayt.

[*Endorsed*] Virg<sup>a</sup> 3 Ian<sup>y</sup> 93

From M<sup>r</sup> Randolph

Rec<sup>d</sup> 31 Mar 93

with feeds/

### CXXIII.

CHIDLEY BROOKE TO BLATHWAYT ENCLOSING A LETTER  
OF RANDOLPH.

*Collection of the Rev. W. T. Blathwayt.*

S<sup>r</sup>

New York March 7<sup>th</sup> 1693

By accident a ruff Draft of a letter writ to you by m<sup>r</sup>  
Edw: Randolp about August last came to my hand wherein  
I found a great deal of satyre ag<sup>t</sup> fom persons, nor could I  
I who never did nor thought him prejudice escape the lash  
of his pen. There I am accused to you as a person so fare  
disaffected to your intrest, as to oppose the passing an order  
for

for your fallary as Auditor Gen<sup>l</sup>. Tho it appears plainly that I was the pson that craved allowance for it in the same paper where I did for my own fall<sup>r</sup> and incident charges, and M<sup>r</sup> Steph: Courtland and the rest of the gen<sup>l</sup> of our Councill here can evidence that I urged it with all the warmth and strength of argument I was able to use: for I did ever and do think it was and is your just right. I find my enimies are put to hard shifts for impeachments to spatter me withall; and rather than want somthing to say ag<sup>t</sup> me, they 'll invent: but as they never shall have truth to say that can prejudice me, so I trust their lies will be as easy demonstrable as this contrivance of that busy man and com as hapily to light. Tis reported he is gon for England if so I expect he will put his invention on a second Labour there, to do me an injury; becaus I have bin sharp upon him for his first essay which he in his Letter to you (exacted from him in my own justification) owns to be an untruth. I saw him write the originall of this enclosed copy and read it before he seald it. — he left it in my hand (according to my request) That I might be assured of its going forward. and knowing it imported nothing but what related to me, I broke open the seal and have Drawn severall copies thereof, least the originall should be lost, and so the designe of vindicating my self made frustrat. When I craved allowance for fallaries &c. on Last Xmas acc<sup>t</sup> I moved that your fallary at 5 p<sup>ts</sup> out of the whole produce of the Revenue of this province from the 30 of Jan<sup>r</sup> 169<sup>h</sup> to the 25 of Dec<sup>r</sup> Last might be allowed: And som urged the poverty of the govern<sup>t</sup> as an argument ag<sup>t</sup> it: but at length it was agreed that 5 p<sup>ts</sup> ut supra should be allowed you for the produce in Christmas quarter Last,

and

and so successively for the future which I will accordingly keep in my hand till you direct how it shall be disposed of from time to time. — for what time had elapsed before the beginning of Christmas quarter I could not prevail upon them to have an allowance. m<sup>r</sup> Steph: Courtland espous'd your interest like a friend others study rather to serve them selves than you and what favours cannot seem to come from them, they will oppose and rather suffer you to want your right than not be obliged to them as Instruments in the acquisition.

These com by way of Boston in New England and by no certain opportunity, or my acc<sup>ts</sup> should be also sent: But a ship is design'd from hence for London By which all publick papers will be sent.

I must begg your pardon for the trouble I give you of these which is only to vindicate my self from untrue accusations that might have rendered me most ungratefull. In the acc<sup>ts</sup> you will (I hope) receive from His Excell<sup>ty</sup> Coll<sup>l</sup> ffletcher you will be advised of the ffrench of Canada's having invaded this province and being drove away with considerable los<sup>s</sup>. I will add no more But that I am S<sup>r</sup>

Your most Humble and most obedient servant

CH BROOKE

the Copy of M<sup>r</sup> Randolphs Lett<sup>r</sup> here inclosed  
is attested by m<sup>r</sup> Steph: van Courtland

[*Endorsed*] N: York 7 March 93

ffrom M<sup>r</sup> Brookes

Rec<sup>d</sup> 16 June 93

acknowledged 29 Jun 93

CXXIV.

## CXXIV.

## THE LETTER ENCLOSED.

S<sup>r</sup>:N : yorke Oct: 20<sup>th</sup> 1692.

Vpon discourse with M<sup>r</sup> Brookes about the getting an order for the obtaining y<sup>r</sup> Salary to be passd by the Gon<sup>r</sup> & Councill of this province I find he passd it in his account of Incidents from ye 30 of Jan<sup>r</sup>? 1690 . to ye 24<sup>th</sup> of June following and as he tells me was alwayes forward that it should be allowed . & the same I haue confirmd to me by M<sup>r</sup> Courtland . & the minute of Councill . Dated 29. July 1691 : & would haue you not think otherwise of him but that he continues stedfast to y<sup>r</sup> Interest: what I haue formerly wrote in this matter was vpon an ilgrouned information.<sup>490</sup> thus much I thought in Justice to him to acquaint you & that I am S<sup>r</sup>

Your humble Serv<sup>t</sup>

ED RANDOLPH.

[*Addressed*]To the Hon<sup>ble</sup>M<sup>r</sup> Blathwayt. /

at Whitehall: /

[*Endorsed*]

N York 20 Oct: 1692

From M<sup>r</sup> Randolphabout M<sup>r</sup> Brooks.

## CXXV.

<sup>490</sup> Randolph had, however, been perfectly right in his estimate of Brooke, as appears from the latter's subsequent history. (See the *Introduction, supra.*)

Randolph had already sent the letter on the date above given; Brooke did not despatch his copy till 7th March of the following year. Both are preserved in the

## CXXV.

RANDOLPH TO BLATHWAYT ON ANDROS'S ADMINISTRATION OF  
VIRGINIA.*Collection of the Rev. W. T. Blathwayt.*Hon<sup>d</sup> S<sup>r</sup>:James Town: March: 14<sup>th</sup> 1692:

In mine of y<sup>e</sup> 1. of Jan<sup>r</sup> past I wrote you that I had travelled thro my whole deftrict from y<sup>e</sup> province of Main Eastward to Roanoak in Carolina; & haue visited all the Collectors. M<sup>r</sup> Muschamp<sup>481</sup> has a sorry station he getts what he can which now is not much. & places all to Incidents. the Inhabitants of N: Carolina are much vnsettld in regard Coll Ludwell pretends by a new grant to take in much more of y<sup>e</sup> southern parts of Virginia then formerly, they claymd. S<sup>r</sup> Edm<sup>d</sup> Andros<sup>482</sup> is here very intent vpon repairing the vtterly ruind' fortifications in this Colony. & raising the Great Gunns sunk for many yeares in sand and stubb. & has provided land carriages for them. he has made a most convenient Armory in one of the Garretts in the state house in James Town & furnished it with good arms. etc: & has mightily gaind vpon the affections of the Councill & cheife  
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the Blathwayt correspondence. For further evidence as to Brooke's character (he was a second Randolph in some respects), see *Calendar of State Papers, America and West Indies*, 1696, no. 1546, and *Manuscripts of the House of Lords*, pp. 500, 503.

<sup>481</sup> For George Muschamp, who was collector at Charleston, see *supra*, Vol. II. p. 86.

<sup>482</sup> For a brief notice of Andros's successful government of Virginia and the unfortunate quarrel with the ecclesiastical authorities which led to his removal, see Mr. Whitmore's *Introduction* to the *Andros Traits*, Vol. I. For Andros's activity, cf. *Calendar of State Papers, America and West Indies*, 1693, no. 466.

in the Country by his euen Temper M<sup>r</sup> Robinſon is dead & Coll Ralfe Wormeley ſucceeds in that Office. Want of ſhips & an extreame ſcarcity of Engliſh goods putts the people generally vpon planting Cotton . which thriues in all places : with great ſucceſſe. I find it a growing Euill & will in a little tyme be followed by all . & tobacco left off wholly in 6 or 7 yeares vnleſſe the Inhabitants can be plentifully ſupplied with goods at cheap Rates. I heare many ſay that they intend to leaue off planting tobacco and employ their ſervants vpon making linnen & woollen Cloath. Coll Cuſtis makes 500 yards of woollen yearely in his houſe more then he has occaſion to ſpend . which he ſells to his Neighbors. I haue ſetled my buſines with all the Collectors here & am going to S<sup>t</sup> Maryes . where there will be a Generall Affembly : I haue found M<sup>r</sup> Blackiſton to bee aboue 1400<sup>lb</sup> ſterl indebted to their Ma<sup>ties</sup> vpon ſeizures & ye Duty of 1 penny p pound . and expect the illegall Trade will go on in that province till the Officers of ye Customs are all remoued . & the Gon<sup>l</sup> receiue a ſeuer check for countenancing them in their ill practices I intend to trye once more what he will ſay to your Deputation & wheither I ſhall act as I am thereby directed. I hope Cap<sup>t</sup> Nicholſon is long ſince arriued he will inform what I cannot haue tyme to write of the manage of that Gom<sup>l</sup> at N: york I found Gon<sup>l</sup> ffletcher a man of great retirednes. he has by ye extraordinary care of M<sup>r</sup> Graham ſpeaker of the houſe of Burgeſſes . obtained a preſent of 1500<sup>lb</sup> ſterl. from thoſe who had been ſufficiently ſpur galled by Leiſter & his Mirmedons. I am to remind you that an Officer be empowered to receiue their Ma<sup>ties</sup> Tenthſ due vpon Condemnation of Prize veſſells  
&



& goods there is now 1000<sup>lb</sup> sterl due vpon the last prize . loaden with wine etc: & 100<sup>lb</sup> vpon a pink taken by ye Non-such frigott. I haue also mentioned in my former letters the like necessity of an Officer to muster the saylers aboard their Ma<sup>ties</sup> men of warr in those parts of the world. there are 2 in N: Eng<sup>d</sup> one in N: york & another in this River . her complement of men is 70 but not halfe of that are belonging to the ship: I haue often wrote home for the securing the Acts of trade that 2 good katches or briganteens well mand'. will do greater service to their Ma<sup>ties</sup> Interest in the Bay then any 2 frigotts vually sent from home. His Excell. vpon my representing to haue a vessell well mannd to plye in the Bay to speak with all vessells going in & out of the Capes . ordred a Briganteen for that service she was mannd with 20 men belonging to the Henry prize frigott (being disabled for want of cables & Anchors to go out) I went with them but they not being acquainted with the Eastern shore, in 12 dayes-time spent two Anchors . & with great difficulty gott a harbour. the Capt. has desired his 20 men to take care of y<sup>e</sup> frigott & now one design in the Bay is frustrated: I am told the Lords of y<sup>e</sup> Treasury haue impowred Blackiston & Plater the other Collector to receiue [sic] their Ma<sup>ties</sup> Revenue in that province. they are both Coll Copleys Creatures & will be wholly guided by him for their own profit also. I inclose to you a Copy of my account sent to ye Custome house by this conveniency. I wrote that in regard Cap<sup>t</sup> Culpeper is in England & has abdicated his Office of Land Surveyor . etc. in virginia that the Lords of the Treasury would please to giue me a Commission for that Office. I would advance their Ma<sup>ties</sup> Revenue

enue about 5000<sup>l</sup> a yeare . & no man haue juſt grounds of Complaint. I am leaving this part of virginia & expect more rude treatment from Coll Copley then I had from y<sup>e</sup> Boſtoners. I ſhall write you at larg from S<sup>t</sup> Maryes. I haue not tyme to write to M<sup>r</sup> Povey hauing giuen him a larg letter by Milner . who ſayld to Briſtoll the beginning of the laſt month. This is by Bayley of Briſtoll whom I had engaged to bring you ſome ſtocks of Black Walnutt for planks out of this River . but my Merc<sup>t</sup> has deceiued me. I haue recommended the care of that affaire to S<sup>t</sup> Edm<sup>d</sup> Andros who has promiſed to promote it. By Milner I ſent 2 boxes of Black walnutts for S<sup>t</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Southwell & you . directed to M<sup>r</sup> Henley with a parcell of ſeeds etc : of this Country. I hope they are well come to him: Coll Lear Collector at Nancimum putt them aboard & ſent his letter of adviſe alſo to Mr Henley.

This of all the Gom<sup>s</sup> I haue paſſd thro'. has the onely face of peace & Good Gom<sup>s</sup> Carolin has a Gon<sup>s</sup> at Ashley River . yet is wholly vnſetled Coll: Ludwell advancing his Intereſt by privateers . coming into his Gom<sup>s</sup> Maryland quiet by force for ye preſent. Coll Copley has admitted Blackiſton a ſhare in his Councils & profitts . his Colleague if not his Superintendant . that will not hold long. The 2 Jerfyes haue a Mock Gom<sup>s</sup> vnder Mr Hamilton . he has perſwaded the Credulous poeple to raiſe 400<sup>l</sup> in each province for ſupport of Albany but When & how to be expended is ye queſtion. Penſilvania is much like it. New york poeple much diſſatisfied to haue all places filld vp with Iriſh . & very good men diſplaced to make them Room. New England is worſe then Bedleham . Euery place full of  
Horror

Horror & Confusion . Connecticott ouer run with fraud & Hypocrisy . Road Island with folly & quakarisme . N: plymouth as poore as a Church mouse . Boston ouer spred with fantastickall delusions . Horrid Murthers Cruell slavery & oppreffion Rampant: the poeple are become more stupid then their Gon: more arbitrary then the members of their Councill & more inflexible then their pragmaticall Teachers . and after all I heare my neighbour Johns Bed of Honour piscataqua that about 3 or 4 parcells of miserable wretches in poore Garison houses insted of towns are labouring to sink yet deeper into irreparable ruine . & are petitioning to be joined to their Brethren of y<sup>e</sup> Bay. the last summers Journey cost me aboue 100<sup>lb</sup> in hard silver . as by my bills drawn vpon Mr Chaplin does appeare. I haue and must run thro' many fore difficultyes in the dispatch of my busines . whilst Mr Mein enjoyes a plentyfull yearly salary & sits at his ease doing Nothing.

I haue taken more paines with some of the Collectors then a dancing M<sup>r</sup> does to pace a Country Squire . & not one of them has presented me with an od gloue. But Mr Mein M<sup>r</sup> Mein . he was the man he kisfd their wiues & lay with their Daughters & servants & left some suckers behind, & his return was Omne bene.

I haue left such plaine directions with all the Officers in this Colony that they cañot except wilfully do amisse . & as for Maryland I expect to do noe good there. my intentions are (vnlesse I receiue orders from my M<sup>ty</sup> to the Contrary to make a stepp home . & acquaint them the state of their affaires in those parts of y<sup>e</sup> world. I am very well satisfied it will be much for their Ma<sup>ties</sup> seruice . & hauing once by their  
directions

directions . taken a trip from thence to the West Indies I shall discover to them the great cheat putt vpon ttrade: I confesse hauing nothing else to do I may ride 2000 miles euery yeare from End to End in my district but to little purpose more then to aire my horses. I see no good is to be done till all those distracted Gom<sup>rs</sup> are putt vnder the care of sober men. if I make a seizure if I make a seizure [*sic*] in Maryland Pensilvania . etc. or any part of N. Eng<sup>d</sup> as I ha[ve] done . to what purpose the Judge Jury & ye poeple will haue it cleerd. pray god send all well at home & then those greivances will be cured in tyme. It was S<sup>r</sup> by y<sup>r</sup> extraordinary favour & directions that I was recommended to this employ<sup>mt</sup>: I shall do nothing nor euen think further till I haue y<sup>r</sup> or M<sup>r</sup> Poveys letters which I impatiently expect. Its against my nature to sitt still in one part of the world, when I may be more serviceable then another: I haue heartily endeavored to prevent the interloping trade . the cheife matter to be done here . which I dare engage to do effectually when Maryland pensilvania . & other places be putt vnder men of Hon<sup>r</sup>: till then I can do as much seruice in Eng<sup>d</sup> as traverfing the Earth. the Gen<sup>l</sup> assembly are now sitting Towns or no towns is ye word. I find one maine end of towns is to settle Manufactures & to liue without any dependance vpon Eng<sup>d</sup> for supply of Cloathing etc: my humble seruice to M<sup>r</sup> Povey. I heartily wish health & happines to ye little M<sup>rs</sup> & to pritty Miss. I am s<sup>r</sup>

yours in all duty

ED RANDOLPH.

His Excell: giues you & M<sup>r</sup> Povey his humble seruice. mine to M<sup>r</sup> Parry . also.

the inclosed is a rough draught of the Account of money due.

how far M<sup>r</sup> Blackiston & M<sup>r</sup> Brenton are to be trusted in their Ma<sup>ties</sup> affaires of The Customs . I leaue you to Judge. I know not how the Custome house will take it that I impart to you papers properly to be addrest there.

to Mr Blathwayt

[*Addressed*] To the Hon<sup>ble</sup>  
M<sup>r</sup> Blathwayt.

[*Endorsed*] Virg<sup>a</sup> 14 Mar: 1693  
From M<sup>r</sup> Randolph  
Rec<sup>d</sup>. 18 May 1693

the fortifications repairing  
M<sup>r</sup> Robinson dead  
M<sup>r</sup> Wormley to succeed  
Much Cotton planted for want of  
European goods  
Blackiston 1400 debt<sup>r</sup> to ye King  
M<sup>r</sup> Randolph is going to Maryl<sup>d</sup> to offer  
his Deputation from the auditor once more  
If he had the Survey<sup>r</sup> Place he would  
Improve y<sup>e</sup> Revenu 5000<sup>l</sup>  
S<sup>r</sup> Edm<sup>d</sup> Andros promised to fend  
some blk Walnut tree stocks  
Acco<sup>t</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> Colonies in N : America  
M<sup>r</sup> Randolph coming home  
Hopes to go to West Indies  
the Assembly setting, Towns or no towns  
Reason of towns to Improve manufactures of Wool  
Incloses acco<sup>t</sup> of money du frō y<sup>e</sup> Collectors

## CXXVI.

## COPLEY'S ARREST OF SIR THOMAS LAURENCE.

*Board of Trade, Maryland, Vol. II. no. 102 I.*

Maryland Is.

By his Excell: the Gon:

Whereas S: Thomas Laurance Barr<sup>r</sup>: One of the Justices of ye provintiall Court and of their Ma<sup>ties</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup> Council within this province Standeth Charged with severall high Crimes & misdemeanors by him committed & done in contempt of their Ma<sup>ties</sup> Authority & the present Gom: thereby here established Contrary to his Oath the Duty of his place & the trust reposed in him, I Lionell Copley Esq; : Cap: Gen<sup>l</sup> & Gon: in Chiefe of this their Ma<sup>ties</sup> province & Territory of Maryland by vertue of the power & Authority to me in & by their Ma<sup>ties</sup> Royall Commiſſion & Instructions giuen and Granted do hereby in their Ma<sup>ties</sup> Names Summon & Cite the said S: Thomas Laurance, that all excuses sett apart he be, & personally appeare before me & their Ma<sup>ties</sup> Council at y<sup>e</sup> Citty of S: Maryes on Thirſday the 17<sup>th</sup> day of Aprill next to anſwear the primiffes & what ſhall be then & there objected ag<sup>t</sup> him. In the meane tyme I do alſo by vertue of the power & Authority aforeſaid at preſent diſmiſſe & ſupend the ſaid S: Thomas Laurance from being a member of their Ma<sup>ties</sup> Council & One of the Juſtices of the provintiall Court aforeſ<sup>d</sup> or in any other part of the province & likewise ſtrictly Charge & Command him to deſiſt from further preſuming to act or Officiate as Publick Notary & as Such from making or ſigning any Inſtrument with in this province, for any  
matter

matter or thing what foever any wayes relating there to as he hath already\* illegally done whereof lett him take due connuzance & thereof in no wife faile as he will answear the Contrary at his perill. Giuen vnder my hand & Seal this 27<sup>th</sup> day of March 1693 in the fifth yeare of y<sup>e</sup> Reign of Our Soverain Lord & Lady King William & Queen Mary.



L: Copley

To S<sup>r</sup> Thō Laurance Barr<sup>r</sup> to be Communicated  
& delivered vnto him by

Θ John Lluellin clerke of the Councill in  
the prefence of Robert Mafon Gen<sup>r</sup> High  
Sheriffe of S<sup>t</sup> Maryes County:

\* by figning a protest of Wilt Barnet  
ag<sup>t</sup> the proceedings of ye Court in S<sup>t</sup> Marys  
in January last

Θ Luellin made Notary publick by Gon<sup>r</sup> Copley : tho' that  
Office granted S<sup>r</sup> tho : Laurance in expresse words in his  
letters patents from their Ma<sup>ties</sup>

[*Endorsed*] 27 March 1693  
Copy of the Warr<sup>t</sup> for  
Apprehending S. tho : lawrence  
Rec<sup>d</sup> 13 Dec : 1693

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CXXVII:

RANDOLPH TO BLATHWAYT CONCERNING SEIZURES.

*Collection of the Rev. W. T. Blathwayt.*

Hon<sup>d</sup> S<sup>t</sup>:

Point Comfort: March: 28: 1693:

In my passage from James Town to S<sup>t</sup> Maryes in Maryland wheither I am just now bound: I mett with Cap<sup>t</sup> Bayley Commander of the Betty vpon whom I haue sent you a large letter of the 14<sup>th</sup> instant and two Panthers skins directed for you to M<sup>r</sup> Henley. I inclosed an account of money due to their Ma<sup>ties</sup> vpon the third part of seizures made in these plantations: That Article of 3 pipes of Brandee seizd by Coll: Cole I could not then perfect, but since by his letter in answer to mine he writes me as follows. the brandee was full but 2 pipes & halfe containing in all 300 gall<sup>s</sup>: at 5<sup>d</sup> per Gallon & charges being ded: amounts to: 21: 10: 1: a third:

besides 6<sup>lb</sup>: 10<sup>d</sup>: their Ma<sup>ties</sup> third of a small ketch called ye Snowhill merçt of Maryland. seized by Cap<sup>t</sup> Roe in ye yeare 1688 in Coll: Birds hands also: I haue not further to do at present in this Gom<sup>t</sup> hauing fetled all matters with ye Collectors. & perhaps too much with Coll Custis: for not a few & not of the least Ranke are not pleased that I haue made so strict a search with him. the provinciall court fitts y<sup>e</sup> 6. Aprill at S<sup>t</sup> Maryes. Coll Copley has buried his Lady. Richard Lee<sup>488</sup> formerly of ye Councill in virginia has taken

The

<sup>488</sup> Lee had been excluded from the Council in 1691 for refusing to take the oaths of allegiance to William and Mary. There were several other colo-

nial non-jurors in Virginia (*Calendar of State Papers, America and West Indies*, 1691, no. 1583).



The oathes & admitted to his place in ye Councill. his Excell is very well : I know not what ye Councill do : poeple are much dissatisfied to heare no ships are coming from England heither : with my humble seruice to M<sup>r</sup> Povey I am S<sup>r</sup>

Your most humble ser<sup>t</sup>

ED RANDOLPH :

[*Endorsed*] Virg<sup>a</sup>

28 Mar 98

From M<sup>r</sup> Randolph

A letter of y<sup>e</sup> 14 w<sup>th</sup> two Panther skins

Amendm<sup>t</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> acco<sup>t</sup> of mony due to seizures

Coll Copley<sup>r</sup> lady dead

Coll lee takes the oaths & is readmitted to ye Councill

[*Addressed*] To the Hon<sup>ble</sup>

M<sup>r</sup> Blathwayt

Office N.

at Whitehall

by Cap<sup>t</sup> Robert Bayley

### CXXVIII.

#### ACTION OF THE COUNCIL OF VIRGINIA ON RANDOLPH'S ARREST.

*Colonial Entry Book*, Vol. LXXXIV. p. 804.

Aprill 27<sup>th</sup> 1693

Vpon reading this day in Councill a letter of the 22 Instant to the Gouvernor from Col<sup>t</sup> Charles Scarborough Comānder in Cheife, a Justice of the Peace, and President of the Court in Accomack Country, that M<sup>r</sup> William Anderfon

Anderson one of the Justices there hath about the 20<sup>th</sup> Instant, abetted and Suffered the under Sheriff of Sumerfett Country in Maryland, and others by pretence of a Warrant from the Gouver: of Maryland, to take and Carie away Edward Randolph Esq: out of Accomack in this Gouverment to Maryland It is the opinion and Aduice of the Councill and Ordered in Councill that the said William Anderson be sent for by Warrant to the Sheriff of Accomack Country forthwith to Answer what shall be Alleaged against him in that behalfe before the Gou: and Councill in James Citty. It is also the Opinion and Aduice of the Councill that his Excell: the Gou: write to the Gou: of Maryland to remand the said Edw: Randolph so forceably taken away by pretence of his Warrant out of the Gouverment.

## CXXIX.

## FURTHER ACTION OF THE COUNCIL OF VIRGINIA.

*Colonial Entry Book*, Vol. LXXXIV. p. 808.

Att a Council held att James Citty y<sup>e</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> May 1693

His Excell: Lionel Copley Esq: Gou: and the Councill of their Maj<sup>ty</sup> Prouince of Maryland by letter to His Excell: dated the 6<sup>th</sup> Instant, w<sup>ch</sup> his Excell: caused to be read in Councill haueing desired to haue Edward Randolph Esq: remanded into the Custody of the Officer that persues him from whome he made his Escape (and is thereby become a Felon) and in a postscript to the said letter, dated the 11<sup>th</sup> Instant, Signifying that they send M: Charles Nicholson and M:

M<sup>r</sup> Luff high Sheriff of Sumerfett County to receiue his Excell<sup>m</sup> Comānds to that purpose, On dew Consideraçon whereof, and off what the said Randolph Surveyor Gen<sup>l</sup> of their Maj<sup>ty</sup> Customs in the North parts of America was Committed for. It is the Opinion and Aduice of the Councill that the said Randolph ought not by Law to be remitted to the Gouverment of Maryland, and Ordred Accordingly

Wheras John Chiles Messenger was by Warrant from His Excell<sup>y</sup> Comānded to take and receiue into his Custody from Sebastian Delaftatus Constable in Accomack County Edward Randolph Esq<sup>r</sup> Surueyor Gen<sup>l</sup> of their Maj<sup>ty</sup> Customs in the North parts of America Committed by William Anderson Gent. One of the Justices of the Peace for the said County of Accomack and him safely to bring and keep att James Citty till further Orders, w<sup>ch</sup> being Serued, accordingly And the said Edward Randolph Appearing and there being no legall Cause for the said Andersons Comitting of the said Edward Randolph, Itt is the Opinion And Aduice of the Councill that the said Edward Randolph be discharged from the same and from further Attendance, and Ordred accordingly

Wheras Edward Randolph Esq<sup>r</sup> Surueyor Gen<sup>l</sup> of their Maj<sup>ty</sup> Customs in the North parts of America was by Warrant from his Excell<sup>y</sup> Lionell Copley Esq<sup>r</sup> Gou<sup>r</sup> of their Maj<sup>ty</sup> Prouince of Maryland Comitted to the Custody of the Sheriff of Sumerfett County for uttering and diuulging feuerall false and Mutinous speeches and reports and the said Edw<sup>d</sup> Randolph haueing made his Escape into this Gouverment, and William Anderson Gent. One of the Justices of the Peace for Accomack County haueing issued  
out

out hue and Cry for the Apprehending of the said Edward Randolph, and also granted a Warrant for Comitting returning and Conueying the said Edward Randolph to the Gouverment of Maryland, w<sup>th</sup> Act and proceedings of the said William Anderfon being Adjudged Vnwarrantable and in Contempt of this Gouverment Itt is therfore the Opinion and Aduice of the Councill that the said Anderfon be suspended from being a Justice of the Peace and from all Other Offices and places whatsoeuer Ciuill or Military and giue bond w<sup>th</sup> good Security for his good behaiour to any two of their Maj<sup>ties</sup> Justices of the Peace for the Aforesaid County, One of them being of the Quorum, And Ordred Accordingly

## CXXX.

## RANDOLPH TO BLATHWAYT AFTER HIS ARREST.

*Collection of the Rev. W. T. Blathwayt.*

S:

Rappahannack . July . 14<sup>th</sup> 93.

In my letters of ye 18<sup>th</sup> of March by ye Betty of Bristoll capt<sup>d</sup> Bayley Command<sup>t</sup> I inclosed to yr Hon<sup>r</sup> a Copy of the Gen<sup>l</sup> Account of money & tobacco due to their Ma<sup>ties</sup> from y<sup>e</sup> Collectors of their Ma<sup>ties</sup> Customs in the severall destriicts etc: I now send you a Copy thereof Compleated with the vouchers: therein you see how farr M<sup>r</sup> Blackifston is run in arreares. Butt what I haue chargd him with is not one sixth part of what he has received vpon the account of the duty of one penny p<sup>r</sup> pound: the paper N<sup>o</sup> : N<sup>o</sup> 2 : N<sup>o</sup> 3: contains M<sup>r</sup> Blackifstons letters & paper to me. But my anfwere left with the Gon<sup>l</sup> for him. made so deep an Impression

pression on his Excell & M<sup>r</sup> Blackiston fearing as he deserues to be dismissed of his Office of Collector . that they haue Euer since conspired to ruine me : I inclose also copyes of the Gon<sup>rs</sup> warr<sup>ts</sup> ag<sup>t</sup> me for no other reason then truely representing his granting illegall Traders to sayle before I could be satisfied in their securityes : as I haue in many of my letters represented to the Custome house.

A privateer with a ship of 30 guns came to N: yorke Gom<sup>t</sup> with 70 men aboard they all shared 1500<sup>lb</sup> a man the Gon<sup>t</sup> had the ship : & they permitted quietly to Inhabite.

In my former letters I haue recommended M<sup>r</sup> Grahams seruices and sufferings at N. yorke where he is reduced to great necessities . his place of Attorney Gen<sup>l</sup> being rather a charg then profit. M<sup>r</sup> Blackiston is now Chancellour at Maryland & one of the receiuers of their Ma<sup>ties</sup> Revennue. that Office would well suite M<sup>r</sup> Grahams Occasions & he would discharg it with Hon<sup>r</sup> and advantage to ye Gom<sup>t</sup> Gon<sup>t</sup> Copley has not a man of sense to converse with in his affairs those of the Councill : Mr Mein in his letter to me from Barbados Oct. 5 : 1692 . writes (As to M<sup>r</sup> Blackiston the Board had my opinion long ago . that he was an ill man . of which I gaue them seuerall presumptions : I told them tho they amounted not to a full enough prooffe for me to suspend him vpon yet I would not entrust such a man in my Own concerns)

I do expect that you haue provided with some of the M<sup>rs</sup> of Bristoll to take aboard 5000 ffoot of pine plank and as much Black walnutt plank as may answeare y<sup>r</sup> occasions. I haue bespoken 1000 ffoot . but can do nothing int<sup>r</sup> till I receiue y<sup>r</sup> Orders to some M<sup>rs</sup> to take it aboard I haue endeavoured

endeavoured for Red Ceder . from Carolina & haue been promised a quantity . to be sent me . but cannot depend vpon it till I see it the Man of Warr lyes vp in the freshes of James R : vnfitt for seruice. I tyre out myselfe in pursuing illegall traders . but to no purpose . vnlesse there be some certaine Methods & more severityes imposed vpon them then I find in the Booke of Rates Its to no purpose to haue any Collē in those Tobacco plantations . as for instance I feized one Davis M<sup>r</sup> of a forain built vessell she belongs to to Scotch Owners liuing in Aire & Nern in Scotland. he had 210 Hogg<sup>ds</sup> of tobacco aboard. after my feizing him he went away without Cleering . but hauing left with his freind bills of Exchange to pay the Collectors fees & the Country duties. the Collector seems well satisfied & when he comes In next yeare if I sue him for producing a false Certificate also, as he did with another ship last yeare . No Court or Jury will find against him so that Its to no purpose to sue them. I am in dayly expectation of letters from your Office & from ye Custome house . & then vnlesse I receiue Expresse Commands to the Contrary I beleiue it for their Ma<sup>ties</sup> seruice for me to step home to represent the present state of the Trade of those Tobacco plantations : It will be endlesse to write the whole matter to be said in that behalfe. I wish all happines to you & to the little M<sup>r</sup> & Misse returning my hearty thanks for all y<sup>r</sup> favors I am S<sup>r</sup>

I shall be glad to heare you      Your humble ser<sup>t</sup>

haue receiued the two pan-      ED RANDOLPH  
thers skins. my humble seruice to M<sup>r</sup> Povey. I receiued his letter of ye fifth of November with his Ma<sup>ties</sup> speech . for which I heartily thank him .

[Addressed]

[*Addressed*] To the Hon<sup>ble</sup>  
M<sup>r</sup> Blathwayt. /

Rec<sup>d</sup> 25 Sept: 1693

[*Endorsed*] Virginia 14 July 1693  
From M<sup>r</sup> Randolph  
Rec<sup>d</sup> 25 Sept: 1693

Acco' of money due frō  
Blackifton  
M<sup>r</sup> Blackifton' los  
A Privateer shar'd £1500 a  
Man at N York  
M Graham recomended to  
succeed M Blackifton  
M<sup>r</sup> Mein's acco' of Blackifton  
5000 foot Pine plank  
1000 f blk Walnt  
Expects Orders to Masters to  
take them on bord.  
the frigate laid up in the  
freshes.  
? : the Panther skins

CXXXI.

RANDOLPH TO BLATHWAYT ON ABUSES IN VIRGINIA.

*Collection of the Rev. W. T. Blathwayt.*

S:

York River. July: 30<sup>th</sup> 1693:

I wrote you largely by ye Bangall. I haue provided 5000  
foot of pine Boards according to yr Directions ready to be  
shipp<sup>d</sup> off when I haue advise vpon what ship bound to Brif-  
toll

toll to putt them aboard which must be agreed in Eng<sup>d</sup> but one ship will not take them all aboard because they will take vp too much Room. the Black walnutt plank is in Potomack River. I spend my money & my tyme most vnprofitably here. Its not in my power to rectifye the great abuses in trade the Collect<sup>r</sup> Regarding more their own fees then their Ma<sup>ties</sup> Interest & care not how the ship or M<sup>r</sup> be qualified provided they either giue security in the Country which they discharg by a false Certificate or produce a forged Certificate to them that they haue giuen security in Eng<sup>d</sup> some of both sorts I haue by me. I beleiue it for their Ma<sup>ties</sup> seruice that I come home to represent these matters that other methods may be taken. otherwise their Ma<sup>ties</sup> will continue to loose aboue 4000<sup>lb</sup> yearely. I sent you in ye Bengall a Gen<sup>l</sup> Account of money & tobacco due to their Ma<sup>ties</sup> etc: amounting to 2429<sup>lb</sup> 16:8. & this yeare from y<sup>e</sup> Collectors of Virginia onely in tobacco, 37868<sup>lb</sup> & in money 56: 7: 4<sup>d</sup> & so much the Comptrou receiues for doing nothing. if I had fitt still I had saved my money & many a troublefome Journey & perhaps to as much purpose but thats not my fault I haue done my duty faithfully I am very ill at the writing hereof. S<sup>r</sup> Edm<sup>d</sup> Andros has a melancholy tyme of it. liues with good husbandry at great expence. my humble seruice to M<sup>r</sup> Povey & Mr Chaplin I am s<sup>r</sup>

Your most obliged humble ser<sup>t</sup>

ED RANDOLPH

[*Addressed*] To the Hon<sup>ble</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Blathwayt  
at Whitehall:  
By the Potomack Merc<sup>t</sup>

[*Endorsed*]





[*Endorsed*]

Virginia

30 July 93

From M<sup>r</sup> RandolphRec<sup>d</sup> 25 Sept 93

5000 ft pine plank ready

shippers must be hired in Eng<sup>l</sup>

securities discharged by false certificates

the Kg looses 4000 yearly

he thinks it for y<sup>e</sup> Ks service to come for Eng<sup>l</sup>£ 2429 due from ye Coll<sup>y</sup>

## CXXXII.

## RANDOLPH TO BLATHWAYT AFTER BLACKISTON'S DEATH.

*Collection of the Rev. W. T. Blathwayt.*S<sup>r</sup>:James Town: Oct: 30<sup>th</sup>: 1693.

Your letters I have received which I hope to give a more particular answer too. but am just now come hither from Carolina. & before I had time to look about me I had an Express from Maryland advising me that M<sup>r</sup> Blackiston dyed ye 22 instant. I am now taking leave of his Excell: & preparing to go thither. & had been there sooner but I stayed to prosecute an illegal Trader here in James Town which some time since I ordered to be seized in Potomack:

I find tho his Excell recommended with all care and regard to their Ma<sup>ties</sup> service to the Assembly their passing y<sup>e</sup> two acts for prohibiting Bulke Tobacco to be shipped Off: & settling towns. the house of Burgesses have passed their votes ag<sup>t</sup> them both: his Excell. will not give over nor be wanting in any thing but they are full of Conceit & fancy themselves as great as the H: of Commons in Eng<sup>l</sup>

All

All care has been taken by his Excell & myselfe to gett some Red Cedar for Durham: & when euer any Bristoll Masters are agreed with to take it aboard It's ready for them. there is but one in this Colony & so small as not to take any quantity aboard. the last fleet of Bristoll men would not meddle with any. nor can I possibly haue it done here till you send me an order vpon any one to do it.

I haue been very sick euer since ye 20<sup>th</sup> of July: but haue at no tyme kept my bed whenever their Ma<sup>ties</sup> service required my attendance. riding from one part of this Colony to another: when scarce able to fitt my horse. I haue a great weaknes in my left arme but new matter arising spurrs me on to very chargable Journeys: & not one penny advantage: when Mr Mein at Barbados & Mr Brookes at New york haue their Ease & 5 or 600<sup>lb</sup> a yeare at least to support them. I hope in tyme to receiue the benefitt of my hard services not at home but a recompense out of what money I saue out of the fire. my next will be from Maryland: . all happines attend the Rulers of the plantation Office. & of all the American Plantation Office. Certainly I had made a visitt to the Bath for recouery of my limbs had I gott all the Black walnutt plank & Cedar for Durham & Shepden well shipped off. with my hearty prayers for a happy meeting Once more I am s<sup>r</sup>

your humble ser<sup>t</sup>

ED RANDOLPH:

My humble service to M<sup>r</sup> Povey

[*Addressed*]      ffor their Ma<sup>ties</sup> speciall service  
                          To the Hon<sup>ble</sup>  
                          M<sup>r</sup> Blathwayt  
                          at Whitehall

Virginia    30 Oct: 1693  
 From M Randolph

[*Endorsed*]

[*Endorsed*]

Virginia  
30 Oct: 93  
From M<sup>r</sup> Randolph  
Rec<sup>d</sup> 19 Feb. 1694  
& y<sup>e</sup> Enclofs

Rec<sup>d</sup> 19 Feb: 1694  
Red Cedar ready for Durh'm  
if ships may be sent for it

## CXXXIII.

## EXTRACT FROM GRAHAM'S LETTER ENCLOSED.

abstract from M<sup>r</sup> Grahams letter to me dated N: york:

Oct: 11: 1693

. . . his Excell: our Gon<sup>r</sup> returned on the 6<sup>th</sup> instant w<sup>th</sup>out reducing the obstinate poeple of Connecticott vnto obedience to their Ma<sup>ties</sup> Commiffion<sup>484</sup> they positiuely deniing the least Conformity. which in probability will be ill resented at home. & may much darken the Appearance of their Agent. Maj<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> Jo. fitts Winthrop. who they haue sent home by the Mafts ships which are reported to haue fayld y<sup>e</sup> last weeke. etc:

J: Graham.

vpon a report onely of the Gom<sup>t</sup> of Connecticott standing in opposition to their Ma<sup>ties</sup> Commands to Gon<sup>r</sup> fletcher & sending Jō. Winthrop to be their Agent<sup>485</sup>: I gaue M<sup>r</sup> Southwell

<sup>484</sup> For a full account of this most undignified dispute, which culminated in Fletcher's throwing one Connecticut deputy downstairs, see Fletcher's letter to Blathwayt of 30th October, 1693, with its nineteen enclosures (*Calendar of State Papers, America and West Indies*, 1693, no. 649, 650).

<sup>485</sup> Winthrop was partially successful in his mission, getting the quota of troops from Connecticut fixed at 120 only; but these were to be under the orders of the Governor of New York (*Calendar of State Papers, America and West Indies*, 1693, no. 1022, etc.).

Southwell a Character of him & his qualifications to which pray be referd: but he will be with you long before this comes to y<sup>r</sup> Hands with Gon<sup>r</sup> fletche[rs] Report to Their Mat<sup>ties</sup> he is a great coward & Hopes to be made therefore Gon<sup>r</sup> of that Colony. as his Neighbour S: W: P: they both deferue a <sup>a wooden sword</sup> ~~whipping post~~ rather then to be honoured beyond their merit.

[*Endorsed*]

1693

M Randolph: Extract of  
M<sup>r</sup> Graham; letter ab<sup>t</sup> Connecticot

Rec<sup>d</sup> 28 Mar: 169

CXXXIV.

RANDOLPH TO POVEY ON THE STATE OF MARYLAND.

*Collection of the Rev. W. T. Blathwayt.*

S<sup>r</sup>:

Jamestown No<sup>ber</sup> 2: 1693

I haue receiued the favour of your two letters . of the 20<sup>th</sup> february 92 : & y<sup>e</sup> 12 of May 93 : for which I heartily thank you & for y<sup>r</sup> extraordinary care to promote my Interest with y<sup>e</sup> Comm<sup>rs</sup> for the Prizes: S<sup>r</sup> Robert Langhly if he be still in the Commiffion will do me all iust favour & seruice being my perticuler freind. he will remember our acquaintance was made at y<sup>e</sup> B<sup>p</sup> of S<sup>t</sup> Afaphs: <sup>486</sup> I find Coll Copley was very troublesome in England & made a great Bustle onely to gratifye his pride & ambition . but he is gone & I hope a better

<sup>486</sup> Lloyd, Bishop of St. Afaph, had Declaration of Indulgence. Unlike  
been one of the seven who dared to op- most of the others, he did not scruple  
pose James II. in the matter of the to take the oaths to William and Mary.

better will succeed in y<sup>e</sup> Gom<sup>!</sup> & aboue 3 dayes ago I had an Expreffe from Maryland advising the death of Nehemiah Blackifton I am posting ouer to see what may be gott to satisfye his Debt of aboue 2000<sup>lb</sup> to their Ma<sup>ties</sup> and also will take Platers account & send it ouer to your Office from thence: The assembly are sitting at the first dash the house of Burgeses voted ag<sup>t</sup> passing two Bills . that for prohibiting the shipping off tobacco in Bulk : & the other to appoint townes according to the Methods laid down in the severall Reports of ye Comm<sup>rs</sup> of the Customs : if they may not do as they please in Euerything they will do iust nothing. But his Excell : keepes all Euen & quiett : here & in Maryland<sup>487</sup> where vpon the first notice of the Death of that Gon<sup>!</sup> Nehemiah was raising men. Code & a party sett S<sup>r</sup> Thō : Laurance at liberty & would place him in the Gom<sup>!</sup> & it would haue made a great disturbance in ye Province : but neither of them were made cheife : which Blackifton could by no meanes Endure & soo dyed.

God has taken away my Enemys & you will haue the whole intregue discouered. about a fortnight ago I went to Carolina for the Red Ceder: I never had any directions what quantity to procure but I hope to gett 10 Tons [for] M<sup>r</sup> Blathwayt & M<sup>r</sup> Chaplins houses : & haue it brought into James River. Now I can engage in nothing further in regard Its not in my power to gett any M<sup>r</sup> to take it aboard which is in M<sup>r</sup> Blathwayts & your way to accomplish with Ease

<sup>487</sup> According to the editors of the *Maryland Archives* (Vol. XX. *Introduction*), Andros was really exceeding the terms of his commission, which empowered him to act in Maryland in case

of Copley's absence, and Nicholson's death, whereas the contrary had happened; but there could be no doubt as to the necessity of his action.

Ease by the assistance of M<sup>r</sup> Henley before the list of ships for Bristoll is determined : It would do well to agree with one ship for M<sup>r</sup> Blathwayts things . & another for M<sup>r</sup> Chaplin Ceder and black Walnutt : which I cannot gett sawen. it must be stowd in the Hold vnlesse you agree with the M<sup>rs</sup> for another Birth.

I haue been very sick euer since the 20 of July last . and am not well now. Certainly had I settled affairs in Maryland I would accompany M<sup>r</sup> Sherwood to come for my health . being very weak & much fallen away in my body : but I cannot looke M<sup>r</sup> Blathwayt nor M<sup>r</sup> Chaplin in the face till I haue shipd off their Tymber.

there are 500 ffoot of very good pine plank sawen 1 : inch & halfe thick & about 18 foot long & 12 or 14 inches broad they were sawen last yeare the better for seruice : if they must be sent a vessell must be ordred to take them aboard they lye at the Eastern shore . at Coll Scarborough's landing & must be carried ouer the Bay to some of the Rivers on this side : in a sloop. my hast to Maryland & ilnes prevents my Enlarging besides my freind M<sup>r</sup> Sherwood will waite vpon you and giue you a most perticuler account of the state of this Country. S<sup>r</sup> I congratalate their Ma<sup>ties</sup> favour to you & question not but its a faire step to something better in tyme : & remaine

if a smaller quantity      your most obliged humble seru<sup>t</sup>  
of Ceder will serue      Ed RANDOLPH  
turn . I must know it & will putt no more aboard then  
ordred.

[*Addressed*] To John Povey  
esq<sup>r</sup>

[*Endorsed*]

[*Endorsed*] Virg<sup>a</sup> Nov: 2: 1693  
 From M<sup>r</sup> Randolph  
 Rec<sup>d</sup> 28 Mar 94  
 He wants directions re red  
 Cedar to send over 500 f<sup>t</sup>  
 provided 18 foot long inch  
 &  $\frac{1}{2}$  thick 12 or 14 br<sup>d</sup>

## CXXXIV A.

NOTE ON THE FRAGMENTS OF A PARTIALLY DESTROYED  
 LETTER IN THE BLATHWAYT COLLECTION.

Between the letters of 2d November, and 3d December, 1693, there was a long one dated from James Town later in November, of which only fragments remain. They relate to the death of Copley and Blakiston, to the misconduct of various collectors, and Randolph's own complaints as to the smallness of his income, as compared with that of Patrick Mein who received £365 a year, while Chidley Brooke's place was said to be worth £700. He appeals to Chaplin and Sherwood to support his account of his services. There are further references to the new College, and to their Majesties' bounty towards it. Chilton is (apparently) referred to as having "left this country to settle in England." Randolph is sending home two panthers' skins and some fruit "which I gathered off a great Tree." There is no formal address, but a simple endorsement "to the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Mr Blathwayt."

There are also in the letter, allusions to the difficulties caused by Andros's lavish gifts out of the Maryland treasury,  
 but

but so fragmentary as to afford little information. Similarly, a reference to the sale of tobacco in Boston lacks explanation, the context being destroyed. Lastly, Randolph's friend Graham appears to be recommended for the office held by Blackiston.

The State Papers contain no communication from Randolph of any date near this.

## CXXXV.

## RANDOLPH TO BLATHWAYT ON BLACKISTON'S AFFAIRS.

*Collection of the Rev. W. T. Blathwayt.*

S<sup>r</sup>S<sup>r</sup> MaryesDec<sup>r</sup> 3 1693

Sicknes prevented my waiting upon S<sup>r</sup> Edm<sup>d</sup> Andros when the seasonable [?] death of Coll Copley called his Excell<sup>y</sup> : to take care of their Ma<sup>ties</sup> interest and restore Peace and Justice to the too too much oppressed Inhabitants of the province. It was not long after his cheife Agent & Abetter in all his wicked designs Nehemiah Blackiston more by choise than duty followed to [ ] conference in the next world for both their departures their Creditours [ ] and most sensible manner of w<sup>h</sup> not a few : and for considerable Sums [ ] That from Nehemiah of about 1800<sup>li</sup> ster<sup>s</sup>

I came to S<sup>r</sup> Maryes the 20<sup>th</sup> of No<sup>r</sup> past . spent one day with my worthy [ ] & fellow sufferer S<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> : Laurence and the next day wee [ ] & his severall offices a vigile. But being besides one of the  
Receivers



Receivers of their Ma<sup>ties</sup> Revennue in this province and Collector of their Ma<sup>ties</sup> Customs and Navall officer: places no way convenient to be Entrusted to the manage of A Georg Plater: he was by Coll: Copley made Attorney Gen<sup>l</sup> certainly instead of a better man and is so continued: that morning I went to his house matters of State called him to attend the Presid<sup>t</sup> and Councill distant about 100 miles from Patuxent & the Councillours choosng rather to follow the busines of their plantations before the publick, forgott or refused to be present. So that nothing or little to purpose was done. However Mr Attorney was absent 14 dayes. At his return I first entred upon the busines of the Office, which he befor did not indifferently understand but now is much worfe for every thing of [ ] was in confusion. in tyme I brought him to a sence of his duty in that office, & whilst I was with him he Entred a ship or two regularly. I discourfd him on the quality of Receiver etc: and desired to see his books, and what method he took to enable him to discharg that office. his accounts were very confused without dates or perticulers & kept in Groffe: neither in all the tyme since the firste of his commission has he informed himselfe of the fines [ ] etc: due to be paid and received in the severall Countyes of this province. His cheife care was to get enough in his hands to pay him-himselfe his salary of [ ] a yeere. I carried with me a copy of the accounts directed to Mr [ ] in generall that he has paid severall sums of money out of ye 15<sup>d</sup> p hog<sup>d</sup> on tobacco [ ] Gov<sup>r</sup> Copley, but produced no receites. That [ ] answer saved him. So that pretense was continued [ ]

Andros

Andros was here. M<sup>r</sup> Tench [ ]  
 himselfe with about 150<sup>li</sup> [ ] that  
 Mr Plater hath made himselfe debtor to their Ma<sup>ties</sup> about  
 2 or 300<sup>li</sup> but upon what branch of their Ma<sup>ties</sup> Revennue  
 I [ ] not. I find him so full of busines to dis-  
 patch the ships for England & yett so unprepared to draw  
 any sort of account in what relates to his Office of Re-  
 ceiver that he has desired me to write you in his excuse:  
 and prays longer tyme to [ ] his [ ] Wee  
 obliged Mr Plater to give 2000<sup>li</sup> bond for his faithfull dis-  
 charg of that Office. He and Mr I [ ] his Security their  
 debts being paid are not worth a groat.

The expectation of a Gov<sup>r</sup> from England suspends my rec-  
 ommending any person for [ ] employm<sup>t</sup> there being  
 at Pattuxent Mr Henry Lord Gent. of a [ ]  
 estate for whom responsable persons in London will [ ]  
 he is a protestant and well acquainted with the busines of  
 trade. Besides him there are not many of [ ] be-  
 sides Papists and Quakers. I went last weeke to Mr Black-  
 ifton's house taking with me Mr [ ] whom S<sup>t</sup> Edmund  
 had made Commiff [ ] wee discourfd the  
 widdow about her husbands accounts and desired to see his  
 papers which she refused till [ ] letters of  
 Administration.<sup>488</sup> I find from our discourse that her hus-  
 band kept no books but all in loose papers. She tells me  
 [ ] her husband was obstructed re-  
 ceiving

<sup>488</sup> On 13th October, 1694, the Coun-  
 cil of Maryland had to make an order  
 empowering Randolph and Plater to go  
 to Mrs. Blackifton's house, and if neces-

sary break open her furniture to find  
 papers referring to their Majesties' ser-  
 vices (*Maryland Archives*, Vol. XX.  
 p. 131).

ceiving any duty upon liquor : nor did he receive the duty of 15<sup>d</sup> p hog<sup>d</sup> upon tobacco [ ] Mr [ ] was convinced [twas done?] by ye Gov<sup>r</sup> great Influence upon Mr Blackifton and Mr Plater. besides the sum of 1400<sup>li</sup> due to their Ma<sup>ties</sup> upon the duty of one penny p pound received by Mr Blackifton I daily discover more and it now amounts to above 1500<sup>li</sup> but his estate will pay but little of it. And could the whole [ ] received as much more. Upon that account his friends call for an abatement of one half penny p pound due to him as Collector of that Duty. I demand a full and just account upon Oath [ ] I have exhibited my charg in the [ ] court and thereby stop paying any of Gov<sup>r</sup> Copley or Mr Blackifton's [ ] indebted to Mr Blackifton for their Ma<sup>ties</sup> third part of a ship.

[The remainder is illegible through damp; but it is possible to conjecture, from the ends of the lines which are preserved, that Randolph argues at length against the claim of Blackifton's Executors for abatement, and concludes by expressing his hope of speedily returning to England. The signature is fairly legible.]

[*Endorfed*]

Maryland 3 Dec. 1693

From M<sup>r</sup> Randolph

Rec<sup>d</sup> 28 Mar. 94

[Further endorfement indecipherable]

CXXXVI.

RANDOLPH TO BLATHWAYT ON THE AFFAIRS OF  
MARYLAND.

*Collection of the Rev. W. T. Blathwayt.*

S<sup>r</sup>

S<sup>r</sup> Maryes May 18: 94:

By ye ship Jane of Plym<sup>o</sup> Robert Edgcomb. M<sup>r</sup> I sent you my letters of y<sup>e</sup> 25 of Aprill past from James T: & a Copy thereof by y<sup>e</sup> Pinke Dive Dapper of Biddiford Tho: Conhall M<sup>r</sup> representing that at a tryall of a ship of Topsham Tho Carpenter M<sup>r</sup> at y<sup>e</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> court on y<sup>e</sup> 15 of Oct: last at James T: vpon my Information that she had brought a great parcell of European Goods directly from N: foundland<sup>x</sup> 4 of the Collectors of y<sup>e</sup> Customs fate Judges vpon the Bench the modest Gen<sup>l</sup> were mute: & had not one word to say or one question to aske on their Ma<sup>ties</sup> behalfe. tho at no tyme silent in matters of smaller Concern. the truth of it is, their Brother collector Ralfe Wormeleys Honour lay at stake, for if the vessell were condemned t'would argue either his Conivance at y<sup>e</sup> M<sup>r</sup> or his ignorance in the Acts of trade because he did not seize her at the tyme of her Entry: but they to come off without scratched faces left all to the jury. who, tho' Carpenter did not make appeare that those goods were first taken aboard his ship in some port of Eng<sup>d</sup> as the law requires. yet they (kind men tender also of his Hon<sup>r</sup> credit) found ag<sup>t</sup> their Ma<sup>ties</sup> it has cost me aboue 15<sup>l</sup> charges in  
feizing

<sup>x</sup> not first taken aboard his ship in Eng<sup>d</sup>

feizing & prosecuting that ship: I was some tyme before told by one of y<sup>e</sup> Collectors, That t'was better to be quiett & not disturb the trade of the country: for it would be to no purpose which if I had done I had saved aboue 150<sup>l</sup> this is done to support illegall trade & to tire me out I haue left Virginia & am come heither not questioning but when Gon<sup>r</sup> Nicholson arriues I shall giue a good account of all things here in all respects. I haue taken care that 10 tons of Ceder bought in North Carolina when I was there last yeare will with S<sup>r</sup> Edm<sup>d</sup> Andros Directions be putt aboard a Bristoll man so soon as it is brought from thence to James R: ordred too be done by the End of March last. the one halfe for you & as much for M<sup>r</sup> Chaplin. M<sup>r</sup> Plater has not as yet notwithstanding all his promises done anything to his accounts as Receiuer. but when Gon<sup>r</sup> Nicholson is come to the province, I will not be longer delayed. the truth is he knows not what account to make for y<sup>e</sup> Money he has paid Gon<sup>r</sup> Copley vpon his own Order; nor has he taken care to receiue one penny of the many fines due to their Ma<sup>ties</sup> in all the Countyes in Maryland. I haue sent to the Clerks of all y<sup>e</sup> County courts to send me a list of all fines & other dues etc: & to the sheriffs for what they haue Collected vpon those fines. & thereby shall charg him with Articles which he has forgott or is unwilling should be discovered. I haue giuen in my charg ag<sup>t</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Blackistons estate to y<sup>e</sup> Commissaryes Court that amounts to aboue 1452<sup>l</sup> But what he has receiued since commiffionated by y<sup>e</sup> Lords of the treasury to that Office I cannot find out, in regard Coll. Copley & he confounded all matters between them & they being dead Coll Copley & M<sup>r</sup> Blackistons accounts &  
estates

estates are concealed . which will be a difficult thing to find out.

I tooke leaue of S<sup>r</sup> Edm<sup>d</sup> Andros y<sup>e</sup> 27 of Aprill, hauing first asked his Excell: what tyme he intended to be at S<sup>t</sup> Maryes but he would make me no answere to it. I went round by the Bay & had a tedious & dangerous passage to Maryland. he arrived the 1 instant the second restored s<sup>r</sup> thomas Laurance to be Presid<sup>t</sup> & Judge of ye Provinciaall court: he was very easye with the Councill & to M<sup>r</sup> Plater y<sup>e</sup> Attorney Gen<sup>l</sup> they gaue him 500<sup>l</sup> & he gaue his order for 150<sup>l</sup> to Coll Greenbery late presid<sup>t</sup> for doing nothing . & then returnd to virginia: I am told by John Perry our post whom S<sup>r</sup> Edm<sup>d</sup> Andros sent from hence to N: york to Coll ffletcher with bills of Exchang for a Considerable sum of money to be paid for defence of Albany etc: ag<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> french . that Coll ffletcher has sent to this province for greater supplies: & as Perry tells me to S<sup>r</sup> Edm<sup>d</sup> Andros to raise & send him 200 men out of Virginia who cannot be spared there being great apprehensions that the 5 Nations of Indians hauing by some way or other deserted the interest of y<sup>e</sup> English Nation may fall vpon the Western Plantations in those southern Gom<sup>ts</sup>. Its conjectured if that Quota be answered by stout Bills of Exchange t'will satisfie the occasion as well. En quantum lucri nobis tulit Albany bellum to which if Coll Nicholson comes by land from N: york as tis said he intends will speake more perticulerly vpon certaine advise from N: Eng<sup>d</sup> that a Combination in trade is managed by some in Boston vpon a Great Bank of Money advanced by Merc<sup>ts</sup> in Glascow to build & freight vessells to purchase their lodings of tobacco in those plantations to be carried to Scotland directly

directly. I was vnwilling wholly to depend vpon y<sup>e</sup> care of their Hon<sup>rs</sup> the Collectors in virginia : & therefore I searched them out whereeuer they were entred & went aboard most of them to my very great charg & no profit : where I mett with English or Irish men Masters but not worth a groat : and also one Scotchman y<sup>e</sup> merçt at least in every vessell who had the sole dispoſall of the cargo & purchasing tobacco . a list of which I haue sent to y<sup>e</sup> Custome house, a copy whereof I haue inclosed to you . & haue discourd very largely of these matters in my letters of this date to y<sup>e</sup> Comm<sup>rs</sup> of their Ma<sup>ties</sup> Customs : such of them as were in Maryland hearing of Coll Nicholsons coming theither gott their cleerings from M<sup>r</sup> Plater contrary to my expresse orders that he should cleer none till I was satisfied in their securityes : but he was a great gainer by it : they not daring to stay till the Gon<sup>r</sup> came into y<sup>e</sup> Province. Newcastle in Pensilvania has droue a cunning trade with Scotch & New Eng<sup>d</sup> men who continue to import great quantyes of Goods from Scotland & make their returns in tobacco carried ouerland from Maryl<sup>d</sup> to Delaware. all has not been done regularly in N: york : I haue great Complaints from M<sup>r</sup> Brenton y<sup>e</sup> Bostoners favourite. I am going to those places so soon as I haue seen Coll Nicholson & receiued your Hon<sup>rs</sup> commands. I shall be glad to heare that all y<sup>r</sup> little ones are in health. I think I must make a step to Eng<sup>d</sup> before I can adjuſt matters with the Hogon Mogon Collectors <sup>439</sup> in in virginia & in other places my humble seruice to M<sup>r</sup> Povey  
to

<sup>439</sup> The proper spelling is "Hogen Mogen" : the word is a corruption of "Hogendmogendheiten" (their High Mightinesses), the official title of the

States General of the United Provinces. It is therefore usually and more properly applied to the Dutch.

to whom I write this also wishing him all health & happines  
& am S<sup>r</sup>

your most humble seru<sup>t</sup>

ED RANDOLPH: /

The inclosed is what I can at present Collect out of M<sup>r</sup>  
Platers papers which he calls an account he is like the rest  
in this province & will do nothing till forced to it tis all  
without method & form & not a paper to vouch one Article  
produced to me.

[*Addressed*] To the Hon<sup>ble</sup>  
Mr Blathwayt

[*Endorsed*] Maryland  
18 May 94  
From M<sup>r</sup> Randolph  
Rec<sup>d</sup> 13. Aug 94  
Carpenter's ship tryed for bring  
goods from Newfoundl<sup>d</sup> cleared  
in Virg<sup>a</sup>  
10 tuns of Cedar to be sent  
to Bristoll for M<sup>r</sup> Blath & M<sup>r</sup>  
Chaplin in March.  
Plater has not accompted  
nor Gathered in y<sup>e</sup> fines  
He has charged Blackiftons  
Estate with £1452. Wh<sup>t</sup> he  
rec<sup>d</sup> by Ord<sup>r</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> Tres<sup>ry</sup> not  
known. Coll Copley & he  
confoundd acco<sup>ts</sup>  
S<sup>r</sup> E: Andros restored S<sup>r</sup> Tho  
Lawrance & rec<sup>d</sup> 500<sup>l</sup> from y<sup>e</sup>  
Country: £150 given to Presi-  
dent Greenberry

New



New York dem<sup>th</sup> 200 Men  
 from Virg<sup>a</sup> w<sup>ch</sup> can<sup>t</sup> be spared  
 Acco<sup>'</sup> of Scotch traders in  
 Maryl<sup>d</sup> from N England  
 The like in N Castle Dela-  
 ware? & N York Comp<sup>rs</sup> from  
 Brenton.  
 Going to New Eng<sup>l</sup>

## CXXXVII.

## RANDOLPH TO BLATHWAYT ON AN INDIAN OUTBREAK.

*Collection of the Rev. W. T. Blathwayt.*

S<sup>r</sup>

Accomack in Virginia :  
 July 3 : 1694 .

By the ship Virginia Merc<sup>t</sup> of Plymouth William Gennis  
 M<sup>r</sup> I sent you a larg packett : which I hope is come safe to  
 you : the Indians on the Northern part of Potomack are gott  
 in a fort haue kild a man & are 300 strong. S<sup>r</sup> Thomas  
 Laurence sent an Expresse to S<sup>r</sup> Edm<sup>d</sup> Andros advising that  
 some Indians belonging to Virginia are joined & tis feare  
 more will soon come in to make a war vpon the Marylanders :  
 in no Capacity to defend themselues . their Arms some Em-  
 bezzled more vfelesse . their Pouder weake for want of due  
 care to order it & no quantity of shott to be found.

I came heither to enquire after a ship of Glascow which y<sup>e</sup>  
 Comm<sup>r</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> Customs lately advised me of. I make many  
 such voyages to little purpose : this is by Cap<sup>t</sup> Crompton M<sup>r</sup>  
 of y<sup>e</sup> Lyon of Liverpool whom I meet here being droue in  
 by bad weather : Coll. Nicholson is much wanted in Maryland.

I am preparing for my Journey to N: Engd: my humble service to M<sup>r</sup> Povey. I haue wrote largely to M<sup>r</sup> Southwell to whom pray giue my humble service I am f<sup>r</sup>

my service to M<sup>r</sup> Chaplin. Your most obliged humble ser<sup>t</sup>  
ED RANDOLPH

[*Addressed*] To the Hon<sup>ble</sup>  
Mr Blathwayt  
at Whitehall :

by Cap<sup>t</sup> Crompton M<sup>r</sup>  
of y<sup>e</sup> ship Lyon of  
Liverpool. /

[*Endorsed*] 3 July 1694  
From M<sup>r</sup> Randolph  
Rec<sup>d</sup> 14 Sept : 94

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RANDOLPH TO BLATHWAYT ON THE DEFALCATIONS IN  
MARYLAND.

*Collection of the Rev. W. T. Blathwayt.*

Hon<sup>d</sup> S<sup>r</sup>

S<sup>r</sup> Maryes. Aug<sup>t</sup> 22 : 94 :

I haue receiued y<sup>r</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> of Aprill by Coll. Nicholson & am much concernd' that you are pleased to charg me with neglect in procuring the Walnutt planke to be sent you to Bristoll . as I haue very often promised : there is no Credit to be giuen to what the Bristoll Merc<sup>ts</sup> say : I know in hopes to gett out they will promise largely but I find them here vpon  
other

other terms. I am now going to Virginia where I hope the Black walnutt & y<sup>e</sup> Cedar are shippd off from James River: Scott of Bristoll was this spring in Potomack my freind would haue Engaged him to take aboard 500 foot of Plank but he refused to do it vnlesse he were paid twice the value of it for freight: & would take in but a small parcell: I haue enough promised me & ready when ships come in: & had not Mr Chaplin engaged M<sup>r</sup> Golley Mer<sup>t</sup> in Bristoll to take his aboard it might haue lain & rott on the shore: Gon<sup>l</sup> Nicholson arrived here the 26: of July past he is receiued with a hearty welcome of the most of the Inhabitants. those of Gon<sup>l</sup> Copleys party as well as they can he is obliging to all & will bring this province to a true & lasting settlement: he finds an Empty Treasury & a Militia without arms & Ammunition: an Order of Councill was directed to me & others to go to M<sup>r</sup> Blackistons to see all the papers & to enquire how all the money he receiued vpon the 1<sup>d</sup> p Hogg<sup>d</sup> is disposed: I find no bookes or accounts are kept yet his executrix has the Confidence to expect 100<sup>l</sup> for his receiuers Office I see no reason why he or M<sup>r</sup> Plater should receiue one penny for that seruice: this province is much in debt those fees with your salary will be a charg vpon the Revennue. but I am assured by Gon<sup>l</sup> Nicholson that he will encourage the settlement of yours: & to that end has appointed Plater to state his account & make it ready against the sitting of the Councill. which you may expect by the next shipping:<sup>440</sup>

Greenberry & Tench opposed for some tyme my being admitted

<sup>440</sup> See the next letter.

mitted into ye Councill & produced the same complaints they sent ouer ag<sup>t</sup> me a yeare ago : I haue a vessell of M<sup>r</sup> Tenches vnder seizure & now hope to haue my third part of her towards my charges about my trouble last yeare : One who calls himselfe Cap<sup>t</sup> Henry Smith <sup>441</sup> made a hearesay deposition ag<sup>t</sup> me about 2 yeares ago before Coll Copley I then seized Smiths ship : but my Agent was not permitted to prosecute her : I haue lately seized her for the same transgression he is gone home with New Complaints I hope in the meane tyme to gett one Moiety of the value of her & leaue him to continue his Charges ag<sup>t</sup> me. I am going to Virginia from whence I shall giue you notice what occurs there. the 500<sup>l</sup> S<sup>r</sup> Edm<sup>d</sup> Andros had from this Gom<sup>t</sup> will be vnder consideration next Councill. Gon<sup>t</sup> Nicholson has told plater he must account for it : nor will y<sup>e</sup> 150<sup>l</sup> allowed C : Greenberry be agreed to : with my humble service to M<sup>r</sup> Povey I am S<sup>r</sup>

your most obliged humble seru<sup>t</sup>

ED RANDOLPH :

M<sup>r</sup> Blathwayt.

[*Addressed*] To the Hon<sup>ble</sup>  
M<sup>r</sup> Blathwayt

[*Endorsed*]

<sup>441</sup> The Deposition of Smith is printed *supra*, Vol. V. p. 94. It is the only one of the three charges brought against Randolph by Copley and his Council which deserves any consideration. It is, as he says, merely "hearesay"; and the Council of Maryland, when the charges were brought to their notice on

13th October, 1694, treated all three, though they came "under the seal of the Province of Pennsylvania," with small respect, and allowed Randolph to take his seat before making his Defence against them (*Maryland Archives*, Vol. XX. p. 155). For the charges generally, see the *Introduction*.

[*Endorsed*] Maryland

22 Aug: 1694

From M<sup>r</sup> RandolphRec<sup>d</sup> 5 Nov<sup>r</sup> 94

He cannt p<sup>r</sup>vail with the Bristoll ships take in ye  
Walnut tree plank : tho he now hopes they and the  
cedar are shipt at James River

Coll Nicholson arrived y<sup>e</sup> 26 July :No Acco<sup>r</sup> of Blackistons Managem<sup>t</sup> of Revenue

The Revenue is much in debt but the Gon<sup>r</sup> will  
endea<sup>r</sup> to settle your salary

Greenberry opposed his being of the Council

He has two vessells under seizure

Coll Nicholson opposes S Edm<sup>d</sup> Andros's having the  
500 ord<sup>d</sup> by the Council

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PLATER TO BLATHWAYT IN DEFENCE OF HIS CONDUCT.<sup>442</sup>*Collection of the Rev. W. T. Blathwayt.*Hon<sup>rd</sup> S<sup>r</sup>:Pattuxant in Maryland December 18<sup>th</sup> 1694

I hope before this Comes to hand S<sup>r</sup> Thomas Lawrence  
will be safe arrived at London: (By Whome) as I intimated  
to

<sup>442</sup> This is the letter promised in the preceding despatch of Randolph, and is alluded to in Plater's letter to the Lords of the Treasury of the same date (18th December), (*Treasury Papers*, Vol. XXXI. no. 8, p. 409). There are other similar letters in the Blathwayt correspondence but this is the most im-

portant. From other documents sent to the Treasury in 1695 (Vol. XXXIII. no. 52, p. 449), Plater seems to have had a real grievance against Andros for commandeering the revenues in his hands; but he was plainly a master of apologetics.

to your Hon<sup>r</sup> in my last I haue sent your Hon<sup>r</sup> a state of the Reuenue by me Collected and Receiued for support of Gouvernem<sup>t</sup> I haue attested the same before his Excellency the Gouvernor and haue alsoe sent your Hon<sup>r</sup> a receipt for the bills of Exchange Deliuered Gouverno<sup>r</sup> Copley in his life time Attested by yo<sup>r</sup> Hon<sup>rs</sup> Depu<sup>y</sup> Edward Randolph Esq<sup>r</sup> the receipt is more then the Reuenue of one shilling p<sup>r</sup> hhd amounts to at the time of Gouverno<sup>r</sup> Copleys Death But the true reason of that is because the Additionall Duty of 3<sup>d</sup> p<sup>r</sup> hhd to the Gouverno<sup>r</sup> was included:—Gouverno<sup>r</sup> Copley Dyed just upon the arriual of the last fletee soe that the Reuenue within my Collection after the receipt of my Comission to be Receiuer and before his death did not amount in the whole to aboue 180<sup>l</sup> sterl: I find by their Maj<sup>ties</sup> Royall Instructions to him giuen one fourth part of the Reuenue was reserued for the support of Armes and Amunition But was wholly a stranger thereto till after his death. I am blamed for payment of five hundred pounds to S<sup>r</sup> Edmond Andros And M<sup>r</sup> Randolph seemes to obstruct the allowance of that article I assure your Hon<sup>r</sup> I thought my selfe safe therein: His Comission for the Gouvernem<sup>t</sup> being by the Councill allowed good and I haueing his warrant together with an order of Councill for the payment of the same: And had the whole Reuenue within my Collection beene Comanded out of my hands by the same Authority: and on the same Acco<sup>t</sup> I Cannot see how I Could haue euaded the payment thereof soe hope I shall receiue noe Injury theirby: I Cannot tell whether the forme of my acco<sup>t</sup> be soe exact as your Hon<sup>r</sup> may expect. but what amiss shall be emended upon your Hon<sup>rs</sup> intimation theireof I yesterday deliuered his  
Excellency

Excellency the Gouverno' a state of the Reuenue since the departure of s<sup>r</sup> Edmond Andros (uiz') from the 10<sup>th</sup> day of May last to the 10<sup>th</sup> day of this Instant Dece<sup>r</sup>. By the fleet from hence your Hon<sup>r</sup> may expect ann addition<sup>n</sup> state of the Reuenue soe from time to time persuant to the tennor of your Hon<sup>r</sup> Instructions a list of the fynes and forfeitures within this Prouince I haue now sent out to each Respective County to be Collected and shall take Care to haue his Excellency the Gouverno<sup>n</sup> Directions in the Disposall thereof Ann Account of which your Hon<sup>r</sup> will receiue by the fleete together with the sales of the Prize sugar intimated in my last There is noe additionall duty raised to their Maj<sup>ties</sup> by the late Assembly for support of Gouvernm<sup>t</sup> but they haue laid a Duty upon Rume and Beere imported as alsoe upon ffurrs Skins &c and Porke exported and the Nauall Officers are by Act of Assembly appointed to Collect the same and to render acco<sup>t</sup> thereof to their Treasurers The Duty of 3<sup>d</sup> p<sup>cent</sup> on Tobacco shipped out of this Prouince is alsoe by the Assembly Giuen to his Excellency Gouverno<sup>r</sup> Nicholson The whole Body of y<sup>e</sup> laws are sent for England for their Maj<sup>ties</sup> Royall approbation By the encouragment of M<sup>r</sup> Randolph I made Bould to send your Hon<sup>r</sup> a ffox But am ffearfull the Meaneffs of the present may render it unacceptable I should think my selfe highly honored Could I be seruiceable to your Hon<sup>r</sup> here who am your

Hon<sup>r</sup> most obedient & ffaithfull Humble seru<sup>t</sup>

GEORGE PLATER

[*Addressed*]

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[*Addressed*]

To  
The Right Hon<sup>ble</sup> William Blathwayte  
Esq Auditor And Suruey<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup>  
of Their Maj<sup>ties</sup> Reuenues of  
America &<sup>c</sup> at  
Humbly p<sup>r</sup>sent Whitehall

[*Endorfed*]

18 Dec: 1694  
From M<sup>r</sup> Plater  
Collect<sup>r</sup> of Maryland,  
state of the Revenu sent by s<sup>r</sup> Tho Lawrence  
an acc<sup>t</sup> from May to Dec ret<sup>n</sup><sup>d</sup> to y<sup>e</sup> Gov<sup>r</sup>  
By the Next an acco<sup>t</sup> of the fines  
and of the Prize fugar

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VESSELS SEIZED BY

*Board of Trade,*A LIST OF ILLEGALL TRADERS LOADING TOBACCO & CLEERD BY  
IN THE YEARES

Name	Nature	whence	by whom Entred	in what District	M <sup>r</sup> names
Elizabeth	Pink	Berwick	Cott. Griffin	South Potomack	John Edmeston
Return	Ketch	N: Eng <sup>d</sup>	Ralfe Wormeley	Rappahann	Rob <sup>t</sup> Woodbery
Salisbury	Ketch	N: Eng <sup>d</sup>	Cott. Griffin	S. Potomack	Step. Laurance
Antelope	ship	N: Eng <sup>d</sup>	Georg Plater	Patuxent	Caleb Hubert
Adventure	Brigant	N: Eng <sup>d</sup>	Phill. Clark	N: Potomack	Henry Hill
Mary	ship	N: Eng <sup>d</sup>	Georg Plater	Patuxent	Xpher Monke
Vnity	Pinke	N: Castle	Georg Layfeild	Pocomoke	John Reid
Elizabeth	Bark	N: Eng <sup>d</sup>	Phill. Clark	N: Potomack	James Pitts
. . . . .	ship	N: Eng <sup>d</sup>	Charles Scarborough	Accomack	Andrew Waker
Catharine	Pink	N: Eng <sup>d</sup>	Georg Plater	Patuxent	Jō Price
Elizabeth	Bark	Belfast	Phill Clark	N: Potomack	Rob <sup>t</sup> Arthur
Richard	. . .	White hauen	G. Layfeild	Pocomoke	Erafinus Lower
Joseph & Daniell		Barbados	Georg Layfeild	Pocomoke	Jō. Harrifon

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RANDOLPH. 1693-1694.

*Virginia*, Vol. V. no. 56.

THE OFFICERS IN THE SEVERALL DESTRICTS IN VIRGINIA & MARYLAND  
1693 : 1694:

Scotch Merchs name	Loading inwards	by whom cleerd	when	to what place	whether gone
John Arnott	Rum Suger Scotch G:	feized July 93	cleerd at	Court 94 Rink	& loading Rotten
Adam Montgomery	Rum Suger etc	Ralfe Wormeley	94	. . . . .	Scotland directly
Jō Handerson	Rum Scotch Goods	Cott. Griffin	94	. . . . .	Scotland
Jō Magoon	1 Rum Suger	Georg Plater	94	Bewmaris	Scotland directly
. . Cambell					
Sampson Duer	Rum Suger	Georg Plater	94	New Castle	Quvre
. . . . Houtes	Rum Suger	Georg Plater	94	N: Eng <sup>d</sup>	Holland
Poke Calwell	Scotch Linnen	Georg Layfeild	94	Whitehauen	Scotland
Jō. Winfor	Rum Suger	Georg Plater	94	New Eng <sup>d</sup>	Scotland
Benj. Wadlin	Rum Suger	Charles Scarburgh	94	New Castle	quvre
Gustavus Hamiton	Rum Suger etc	Georg Plater	94	New Eng <sup>d</sup>	Scotland
Robt Arthur	Scotch Linnen	Georg Plater	94	Bewmaris	Scotland
. . . . .	Scotch Cargo	Georg Layfeild	93	Whitehauen	Scotland
. . . . .	Rum Suger	Georg Layfeild	93	Whitehauen	Scotland

[*Endorsed*] Lift of Illegal traders  
in Virginia & Maryld  
in 1693 & 1694  
Rec<sup>d</sup> 13 Aug 94  
frō M Randolph  
B. B.  
P. 25

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## RANDOLPH'S COMPLAINT OF THE SCOTTISH INDIA COMPANY.

*Colonial Entry Book, Vol. C. p. 352.*To the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Comiss<sup>r</sup> of the CustomesMay it please your Hon<sup>r</sup>

In my paper of Proposals to Suppress the illegall Trade in the Tobacco Plantations, w<sup>ch</sup> has been carried on from thence directly to Scotland for many Years, I have shewn from whence it has so greatly prevailed and laid down proper methods for preventing thereof for the future a Copy whereof is here unto annexed, which will be Effectually Remedied if they were formed into an Act of Parliam<sup>t</sup> to be passed this Session and Entituled . An Act for preventing Frauds and Regulating abuses in the Plantation Trade, as is the Act of 14<sup>th</sup> Car 2<sup>d</sup> for England. And that the Commanders of his Majesties Ships of Warr during their Stay in the Country, may be Order<sup>d</sup> to Receive Instructions from this Board in what may concerne the care of the Trade and Navigation to and from those Plantations, and to be aiding & assisting to the Officers of his Majest<sup>y</sup> Customes in the Execution of their Dutys.

I now lay before your Hon<sup>r</sup> an Accompt of the present State of his Majest<sup>y</sup> Colonies and Provinces upon the North Coast of America, in relation to a Scotch Act<sup>448</sup> which is lately past, In which Act under under pretence of Erecting an East India Company in y<sup>e</sup> Kingdome, They do (p: 2<sup>d</sup>)

Engage

<sup>448</sup> This is the famous Act of 26th June, 1695, by which the Darien Company, known as the "Company of Scotland trading to Africa and the Indies," was established. It will be noted that it was not till after the expedition had

failed (25th July, 1698) that its real destination on the Isthmus was known. The English Board of Trade had before then (10th September, 1697) suggested the seizure of an island off the coast of Darien.

Engage themselves w<sup>th</sup> Great Sums of Money in an American Trade, a Trade which has already for Severall Years been carried on by Scotchmen under pretence of being Persons born within the allegiance of his Majesty, as by the Act of 12 Car 2<sup>d</sup> They claim liberty to do, and altho in the Act of the 14<sup>th</sup> of the said King, only English, Irish and Subjects in the Plantations are to be accounted English, as to the Navigating of Ships, Yet they take on them to come from Scotland under the notion of Supra-Cargos and Merchants and seldome faile of Counterfeit Masters.

In the 4<sup>th</sup> page they have liberty to Plant Colonies &c in or upon places not Inhabited, and p. 5<sup>th</sup> to make & conclude Treaties of Peace and Commerce with the Gov<sup>r</sup> and Proprietors, paying only to his Maj<sup>ty</sup> out of Scotland the Yearly accknowledgem<sup>t</sup> of one h<sup>th</sup> of Tobacco. And altho they forbid all other Scotts then those of their Company to touch on any Plantations which they shall acquire on pains of confiscation yet they allow all Such Scotts to trade in Tobacco & Sugar elsewhere that is to say amongst the English) They paying for what they so bring home Such duties as are now Establisht in Scotland.

By all which it may be presumed how they project to let themselves into the Trade of all his Majesties Plantations, and tis Probable they meditate either the Purchasing a Settlement in one of the 3 Lower Countys of New Castle Kent or Suffex, on the Southern Shore of Delaware bay as being no part or Parcell of the Land Granted to M<sup>r</sup> Peñ in his Province of Pensilvania or in some one or more Islands nigh the Continent, by which Expedient if acquired they might in a short time make a Staple, not only of all Sorts of European Manufactures but also of the Enumerated Plantation Commodities

modities even as it is this day practiced with great abuse at the small Dutch Island of Carafaw.

Wherefore for prevention of so great a mischief to England tis humbly proposed

1<sup>t</sup> That the South part of Carolina and all the Bahama Islands be put under his Maj<sup>ty</sup> imediate Authority.

2 That North Carolina be annexed and put und<sup>r</sup> the Care and Inspection of his Maj<sup>ty</sup> Govern<sup>r</sup> of Virg<sup>a</sup> thereby to prevent the Shipping off the Merchantable Tobacco growing in the Southern part of y<sup>t</sup> Territory by the Inlets of Corrituck and Roanoak.

3. That the 3 lower Counties of New Castle Kent and Suffex aforesaid, lying upon the Southern shore of Delaware Bay, be annexed to his Majesties Government in Maryland, which will likewise prevent the Shipping off the Merchantable Tobacco growing at the head of Chesepeek bay near Bohemia and Sassafras Rivers into Appaquimine River in Delaware Bay, As also the Importing European Goods by that passage to Maryland both which Evills have been but too much practiced.

4. That the Province of West Jerfey be annexed to the Government of the Province of Pensilvania, and an active Gov<sup>r</sup> there appointed, such a one as is qualified to uphold the Act of Trade, for as things now hang, the Charge to mainteyn able Offic<sup>rs</sup> on both Sides the Bay, from Bredlington in West Jerfey to Borekill in Suffex County nigh Cape hen-Lopen with men and Boats &c will not be defrayed for 800<sup>l</sup> a Year, for the Trade of that River being now Carried on by Scotch men & Privateers Inhabitants in Pensilvania, East & West Jerfey which lys between Maryland and New York (in the very Center of Trade and businefs) all is Exposed and lys open to Traders from all places and can not be secured

secured but by a great charge or very Regular Government.

5. That the Province of East Jersey be annexed to his Majesties Government in the Province of New York as it hath been formerly and in like Manner the Colony of Connecticut, for this would wholly prevent the Great Importation of European Goods too freq'ly made even by Countenance of those two Colonys.

6. That the Colonies of Rhode Island now under no regular Government be as formerly joyned to his Majestys Government in the Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England.

7. That no Projection Planter or other person whatsoever, presume to alien or Transffer any Island Plantation &c To any Scotch Agent Factor or other Forreigner whatsoever under the Penalty of high Treason, the whole Tract from 32 to 44 being his Majesties Dominion and anexed to the Crown of England.

But for asmuch a[s] Severall of the Plantations here under mentioned, have Proprietors and Owners by Lett<sup>r</sup> Patents & some small Colonys are Established by Charters where the persons concerned may not apprehend the danger that is threatned by the new Law in Scottd and So refuse to Conforme to what in that Consideration only is hereby humbly propoſed, as to the annexing of Governments, yet in point of Securing to England all the benefitts of the Plantation Trade, To which by Law they Stand bound, I think where any Shall refuse in this time of danger to accept his Majesties Government — They should be obliged both to accept and Mainteyn Such Officers as may be needfull to preserve the Trade to England and the Deputys to his Majesty.

All which is humbly Submitted by

ED: RANDOLPH. S: G:

Decemb<sup>r</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 1695

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## HEDGES'S OPINION ON A MEMORIAL OF RANDOLPH.

*Board of Trade, Plantations General, Vol. II. no. 90.*

May it please your Lordships

In humble Obedience to your Lordship's Order of the 28<sup>th</sup> of January last, requiring my opinion whether the Privateers, mentioned in the Extract of a Report from the Commissioners of the Customs upon M<sup>r</sup> Randolph's Memoriall may not be treated as Pirates; or how they are otherwise to be proceeded with, I have considered thereof, and having also received some further Informations, from M<sup>r</sup> Randolph, concerning the Persons therein called Privateers, I humbly conceive that they may be proceeded against and treated as Pirates; they having as I am informed no Commission from any Prince or State, Which I most humbly Submitt to your Lordship's great Judgement.

C. HEDGES

Febr. 7

1695

[*Endorsed*] Judge of y<sup>e</sup> Admiraltys  
Report about proceeding  
ag<sup>t</sup> Privateers or Free booters  
in y<sup>e</sup> West Indies as Pirates.

Rec<sup>d</sup> 8<sup>o</sup> Feb<sup>r</sup> 95

Read 17 Feb: 1695

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Ent<sup>d</sup> Plant Gen<sup>l</sup> Vol 2<sup>d</sup>

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This decision should be appended to Randolph's Memorial, printed *supra*, Vol. V. p. 124.

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COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION OF RANDOLPH.

*Board of Trade Journal*, Vol. VIII. p. 166.

At the Committee of Trade and Plantations  
At the Council Chamber at Whitehall  
Munday y<sup>e</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> of Febr. 1695.

Present.

L <sup>d</sup> Arch Bp. of Canterbury	Earl of Stanford
Earl of Bridgwater	S <sup>r</sup> Henry Goodrick
M <sup>r</sup> Smith	

Upon Reading a Mem<sup>l</sup> from M<sup>r</sup> Randolph Survey<sup>r</sup> Generall of y<sup>e</sup> Customes upon y<sup>e</sup> North Coasts of America their Lo<sup>ps</sup> agree to offer their opinion that M<sup>r</sup> Randolph having behaved himself with great care and diligence in discharge of his trust is very deserving of his Ma<sup>ty</sup>'s favour for some fitting encouragement, and that he be Recomend<sup>d</sup> to y<sup>e</sup> L<sup>ds</sup> Comm<sup>rs</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> Trade accordingly

CXLIV.

RANDOLPH'S MEMORIAL ON NAVAL STORES IN THE COLONIES.

*Board of Trade, Plantations General*, Vol. IV. no. 4.

A Discourse how to render the Plantations more beneficial & Advantageous to this Kingdom. There being great number Pine and Cyprus Trees Growing in the Colonies & Provinces upon the Continent of America, nigh Navigable Rivers



Rivers fitt for Yards and Bowspritts of the largest Dimensions, and Oaken Timber for Planks and Building Ships & also, that Pitch Tarr Rozin Hemp and Flax, are already made and Growe there, And that the Materialls for making Salt Petre are found there in great Plenty, & may be brought from thence to England.

The Wealth and Security of this Kingdome has all along depend'ed upon the Trade and Navigation thereof, But the Mafts and Tymber for Building Shipps, as also all other Navall Stores of Pitch Tarr, Rozin, Hemp Flax and Salt Petre, being, (through a long confumption) become very deare and Scarce Commodities, are not to be had from the Neighbouring Countreys but at Exceffive Rates and Prices, and that in times of Peace with those Kingdomes only, So that upon Suddain Rupture eithe with Sweden or Denmarke England is Debarred of that Trade, And her Navigation in danger to be loft unlefs supplied with those Commodities from France or Holland but not without Difficulty, and alwayes upon Rates proportionable to her Necessity and want thereof.

Our present Trade and Commerce with the Swede and Dane, makes greatly for their advantage. Our Merchants and Factors Bought formerly in those Countreys, Mafts, Ship-Tymber & other Navall Stores at easie Rates in Barter & Exchange, for Our coarfe, Ordinary English Manufacture only, But they have of late years Sett the Dice upon us, & oblige us to pay above two thirds in ready money, for those Commodities at much higher prices, but not nigh so good in Quality as formerly; Which unavoidably Draines England  
Yearly,

Yearly, of Vast Sumes of ready money. Neither is our Trade to the East Indies, (from whence the greatest part of Our Salt Petre is brought) so well Secured, but it may be unexpectedly Engrossed by Our Neighbours, and we must then depend on them to supply us with Salt Petre as now with Spice; etc.

Wherefore for Preventing these Growing mischeifs of such dangerous consequence to this Kingdome Itt is humbly proposed That England may in a little time be Plentifully Supplied, w<sup>th</sup> Mafts Ship Tymber, Oaken Plank, Pitch Tarr Rozin Hemp Flax and Salt Petre from her own Colonies and Provinces in America, and Islands Adjacent.

1<sup>st</sup> Trees. Fitt for Mafts &c Grow in great Plenty in the Provinces of New Hampshire and in New England, but till of late very much destroyed by Saw Mills and Canoe Makers many great Mafts are yearly fetcht from thence, but now not many such Trees are to be found in either Province nigh the Water, And therefore more chargeable to Carry them 7 or 8 miles by Land and afterwards Floated to the Ships; Infomuch, that in a little time necessity will force us to make Mafts of Cypress Trees, Which are very large, and in great Plenty nigh Navigable Rivers, As, in Virginia, at Chicahomini, in James River, at West Point and other Places in York River and Rappahannack and also in severall Rivers in North Carolina.

Att Kennebeck River above 50 miles Northward from Pascataqua River (the only River from whence the Great Mafts are brought) are abundance of very large Fir Trees fitt for Mafts, and at Abigaduffitt (ten miles from the mouth of it)

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is a Place for a Saw Mill, and such Plenty of Pine and Firr, enough to Load 40 or 50 Vessells yearly, with Mafts Boards Plank &c. On Beare Island likewise, lying North E and not farr from Kennebeck are large Firr Trees fit for Mafts, But the Indians Supported by the French, Did in the year 1689 Drive the English out of Kennebeck, and Places Inhabited and Fortified more Northerly; Demolished and Burnt all the New Forts Built by S<sup>r</sup> Edmund Andros, and destroyed or made Prisoners of the greatest Number of the Inhabitants in the Province of Main, and since destroyed the Town of Dover & many of the People in the Province of New Hampshire, So that the River Pascataqua, where the Few Mafts remaining in those 2 Provinces, can be Shipped off, is the only Place to depend on for great Mafts of Firr at this time, from those Northern parts of America.

2 Timber & } For Building Ships; There is Growing upon  
 Plank } every Navigable River and Creek from Pem-  
 maquid in New England Northward, to the Southern parts  
 of Virginia (above 700 miles in length) vast, very Vast  
 Quantities of Oaken Tymber, both Streight and Compas,  
 with convenient Places, and depths of Water to Build Ships:  
 So that 60 Saile of Good Ships from 200 to 500 Tuns and  
 upwards may yearly be built in those Colonies at one third  
 less charge than in England. as at Pascataqua (where the  
 Faulckland Frigatt about 700 Tunns, was Built 3 or 4 years  
 agoe). And at Salisbury, Salem, Boston, Charles Towne,  
 Hingham Road Island, New Bristoll, New London, in New  
 England As also at Mamaranack River, 12 miles to the  
 Southward

Southward from New York, and in the Provinces of Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Virginia.

3. Pitch & Tarr. Great Quantities of Pitch and Tarr, are made already at severall places, as in the Colonies of New Plymouth and Connecticut in New England, w<sup>ch</sup> Serves not only that Country, but some hundred Barrells are yearly Sent to the West Indies, There are likewise severall Islands nigh the Eastern Shoar of Chesepeak Bay, & also on the Main Land innumerable numbers of Trees to make Pitch and Tarr of, the Inhabitants make these, for their own occasions, but on the severall Branches of Elizabeth River in Virginia, Pitch and Tarr are some of their Staple Commodities, and more would everywhere be made, if there were a good Markett for it.

4. Rozin. There may Enough be made in those Colonies, to supply England & her Neighbours. About 4 years agoe, some French Protestants made Rosin, not farr from Boston, at their own Plantacons and Shipped 2 Tunns to Try the Markett in England, It was approved of, to be as good, as any ever brought from France, but the charge for Neecessaries to begin the Work, and the High Freight this Warr time; Made them losers, and Stopped their further undertakeings.

5 Hemp & Flax Grow very kindly, very large, and very plentifully in all the Plantations, & some Colonies, have Lawes Obligeing them to Sow yearly a Quantity of Hemp and Flax Seed, according to the Number of their Servants; They have in Road Island, more than they have use for, &

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Sell it to their Neighbours. I have Seen as good Bright Dressed Flax, brought from thence to Boston, as I have seen in England, they use their Hemp for Linnen and Cordage, but Sow not much for want of Servants.

6. Salt Petre Some Sorts of the Materialls for making Salt Petre are found almost everywhere, in his Ma<sup>ty</sup> West India Colonies, Islands, and Plantations, the Rocks nigh the Shoar in some parts of New England are Covered very thick with the Dung of Sea Fowles, And in the Woods where Wild Pidgeons, take their constant Stand not far from Plantations, the Ground is 3 or 4 Foot thick of their Dung, as also the Floors of Old Tobacco houses in Virginia and Maryland, the Earth likewise on the Banck sides of some of the Great Rivers in Virginia above 60 miles from the Salt Water, is naturally very Salt Infomuch That tis Furrowed very deep in some Places by the Tongues of Wild Beasts, Which come Constantly to Lick it; About ten or twelve years agoe D<sup>r</sup> Daniell Cox, (then one of the Proprietors of West Jersej, sent Cap<sup>t</sup> D'Broy a Frenchman to make Salt Petre in that Province, he made Some, But the D<sup>r</sup> Agent failing to Supply d'Broy with money he left off, and the Work was Ruined; He told me there were Plenty of Materialls, in those Countreyes and desired me to Recomend him to S<sup>r</sup> Edmund Andros to be Employed, to make Salt Petre, but falling into a Trade with the Indians for Furrs, he is now Setled on the Southerne Shoar of Delaware Bay.

There are Islands to the Eastward of Cape Florida called the Bahama Islands in the Possession of the Subjects of the  
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Crowne of England, which have Salt enough to Supply England; I Do not Question but if some Sober Well Experienced Persons, were Employed in the Search they would find materialls from whence Salt Petre is produced, in a great many places. 'Tis Necessary That the Great Tymber fitt for his Ma<sup>ty</sup>s Service upon Navigable Rivers in all the Colonies & Provinces of Virginia Maryland &c be preserved from Wast.

The following Coppy of an Address from the Govern<sup>r</sup> and Assembly in Maryland, in answer to a Letter from her late Sacred Ma<sup>ty</sup> is a Voucher of what I have herein represented.

To the R<sup>t</sup> Hono<sup>ble</sup> the Lords of the Committee of Trade and Plantations.

The humble Address of their Ma<sup>ty</sup>

Dutifull and Loyall Subjects &c.

May it please your Lord<sup>sh</sup>

We had a Proposition laid before us, wherein it was required, what Quantities of Pitch Tar Mafts Hemp Pipe Staves and other things fitt for his Ma<sup>ty</sup> Navy; may be by this Province off [*MS. torn*] We give your Lord<sup>sh</sup> to understand that this Countrey may Yeild great Quantities of Hemp Flax Pitch and Tar Mafts Yards Pipe Staves Barrell Staves Knees Standards Planks & other Materialls for Shipping, Yet because Wee have not had any certain Markett for such Commodities, therefore We have not so generally applied to the Procureing of them, But if it be acceptable to his Ma<sup>ty</sup> to have his Navy Supplied out of his Dominions in America, This Province may be very Serviceable in Affaires of that nature, if your Lord<sup>sh</sup> please to Give

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us one years notice to prepare, and please to propose to us  
such methods of Dealing & of pay[ing] and such prices of  
every particular Comodity, as may Encourage us to Employ  
our Servants in part to that purpose, and shall also please  
to particularize the Comodities & the Quantities & what  
prices we may Expect for the same.

H. DENTON Ct Councill

W. BLADEN Ct. Asssembly

All which is humbly Submitted

By ED. RANDOLPH

[*Endorsed*] A Discourse how to render the  
Plantations more beneficiall &  
Advantageous to England by bringing  
Mafts &c from thence

Presented to the Board by  
M<sup>r</sup> Randolph: the 24<sup>th</sup> July 1696

Plantations Gen<sup>l</sup> C.  
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## CXLV.

### RANDOLPH'S ACCOUNT OF THE PLANTATION OF VIRGINIA.

*Board of Trade, Virginia, Vol. VI. no. 5.*

To y<sup>e</sup> Right Hon<sup>ble</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Lords & Others y<sup>e</sup> Comittee for Trade &  
Plantacons

May it pleas Y<sup>r</sup> Lordships

The following discours Humbly Represents

1. The great discouragment the planters in Virginia lye  
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under, and the loss occasioned thereby to his Majesty in his customs on Tobacco.

2. The Methods effectually, to Remedy and prevent those growing Mischiefs for the future.

3. The certain advantage which will arise thereupon to his Majesty & the planters of Tobacco in that Colony.

It is the Interest, and has been the great care of this Governm<sup>t</sup> to preserve their trade to the plantations, intirely to themselves, and to that end, divers Acts of Parliament are made, with Severe penalties upon the violaters thereof, but no care hath hitherto been taken, to increase & encourage the Number of planters of Tobacco in Virginia, nor hath it at any time been inquired into, whence it comes to pass, that, That colony (the first English Settlement upon the continent of America, begun above Eighty Years agoe) is not better Inhabited, considering what vast Numbers of Servants & others, have yearly been transported thither. Some have imputed it to the unhealthiness of the place, others, That Tobacco being the only Staple commodity in the country, yields them little (all charges deducted) when 'tis brought to England. But the chief & only Reason, is, The Inhabitents & Planters have been, and at this time are discouraged & hindered from planting Tobacco in that Colony, and Servants are not So willing to goe there, as formerly, because the Members of the Council & others who make an Interest in the Governm<sup>t</sup> have from time to time procured grants of very large Tracts of land, So that there has not for many years been any waste land to be taken up, by those who bring with them Servants, or by Such Servants, who have served their time faithfully with their Masters, but it is  
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taken up & ingrofd before hand, wherby, they are forced to hyer & pay a yearly Rent for Som of those lands, or goe to the Utmost bounds of the Colony for land, expofd to danger, & often times proves the Occasion of Warr with the Indians.

The manner of taking up land in Virginia, is, Evry Adventurer or planter, has upon his Arrivall, a Right to fifty Acres of land in the Colony: If he intends to take up any, he is firft to make Oath before the Govern<sup>r</sup> or Councill, or att a County Court, of the Number of perfons he imports, and they of cours, grant him a certificate therupon, which is enterd in the Secretarys Office, and is then produc'd by him, to the Surveyor of the County where the land lies waste. He makes a Survey, allowing 50 Acres, according to the Number of his Rights (perfons Imported) which with the Rights, is carryd to the Secretarys Office, on which a patent is made and Sign'd by the Govern<sup>r</sup> in Councill, who caufes the Seale of the Colony, to be affixd to it, which gives the claimer an Estate in Fee Simple, but upon the following conditions.

1. To pay the King Yearly, one Shilling for evry 50 Acres of land, but they never pay one penny of Quitrent for it, by which in Striçtnefs of Law, their Land is forfeited.
2. They are to Seat Such land within three years, otherwife tis deferted; by Seating land is meant, that they build an hous upon it, and keep a good Stock of hog̃s & cattle & Servants to take care of them, and to improve & plant the land: But instead, therof, they cut down a few trees & make therwith a little Hut, covering it with the bark & turn two or three hog̃s into the woods by it: Or elfe they are to clear  
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one Acre of that land, and to plant & tend it one year : But they fell twenty or thirty trees, and put a little Indian Corn in the ground among them as they lye, and Sometimes make a begining to fence it, but take no care of their Crop, nor make any further use of their land.

3. If such land lye farr up in the Country upon the frontiers, they are Injoynd by a Law of the Country, to keep 4 able men, well Arm'd, but that Law is never observd.

By these Grants being procurd upon Such easy terms, and very often upon false Certificates of Rights, many hold twenty or thirty thousand Acres of land a piece very largely surveyd without paying one penny Quitrent for it : In many pattents, there is double the quantity of land, their pattent expresse, wherby, Some hundred thousand Acres of land, are taken up, but not planted ; which drives away the Inhabitents & Servants, brought up only to planting, to Seek their fortunes in Carolina and other places, which depopulates the Country, and hinders the making many thousand hogshed of Tobacco, to the great diminution of his Majesties Revenue upon that Comodity.

For present Remedy, wherof, 'T is humbly proposd

1. That a Survey be forthwith Orderd to be made of Such lands, in evry County of Virginia.
2. That a Demand be made of the full of all the Arrears of the Quit rents due for those lands, and that the claimers therof be compeld by Law to pay them. The Sherrieff of King & Queens County, about 4 years Since, made a Return, that there were 38000 Acres of land in his County, taken up by patent, for which he could receive no Quit rents, there  
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being nothing on the land to distrein, and the persons who claimed the Same, livd in other Counties.

3. That Strict Orders be given, that Grants hereafter Shall be made upon more certain terms, and not above five hundred Acres, to be granted to one man, Such Restriction being att this time very requisite, becaus, in Some parts of the Country, where the Indians Inhabited (as Pomunkey<sup>444</sup> Neck & the South Side of James River) those lands were Severall years forbidden, to be taken up; but the Indians being reducd to Small Numbers, the Burgeses of the Assembly, have addressd the Govern<sup>r</sup> to grant away those lands: His Majesty hath bin pleasd to grant 20000 Acres of those lands, to the College in Virginia,<sup>445</sup> w<sup>ch</sup> will soon be Settled & planted, if great quantities are not all ready granted away, to Severall persons who have long aimd at it, tho they have Some thousand Acres of land, more than they know what to doe with.

The Advantages, which upon a due Regulation of these evill practices will arise to his Majesty & y<sup>e</sup> Inhabitents & plant<sup>rs</sup> in Virginia, are

1. The compelling the Claimers of Such vast Tracts of land, to pay their Arrears of Quitrents, will raise a great Sum of mony, or otherwise, upon their refusall, Some hundred thousand Acres of unimprovd land, will Revert to the Crown,

<sup>444</sup> The question of Pamunkey Neck had been dealt with by the Council of Virginia, who, on 13th February, 1696, suspended all further surveys and entries in that district until further orders.

<sup>445</sup> The extent to which the College was damnfied by these proceedings is

described in a long and able Memorial drawn up by Hartwell, Blair and Chilton, and presented to the Board of Trade (*Calendar of State Papers, America and West Indies*, 1697, no. 1396). They blame Andros as having reversed Nicholson's policy.

Crown, and invite home those, who for want of land, left Virginia and incourage more to come from proprieties & other places, to make their Settlement, in That Colony, being well affurd in their Titles, and to hold of the Crown only.

2. The granting away Such lands in parcells, not exceeding 500 Acres to one man, will mightily increas the Number of planters, who thro Necessity, will Seat them Selvs, in a farr nearer Neighbourhood, than formerly, and therby, be the better enabled, to Secure their Country, their families & plantations from Spoile & Rapine, and many thousand hog-heads of Tobacco, will be yearly made more, than were formerly, in that Colony.

3. The trade, the Shiping & the Navigation of England, will be encourag'd, and the Revenue of his Majesties Customs upon Tobacco, therby yearly increas'd.

Cott Nichollson, Liev<sup>nt</sup> Gentl of Virginia was very Sensible of the damage & Injustice done his Majesty, by their using & conniving, att Such unwarrantable practices, in granting away the Kings lands in that Colony, and was resolv'd to Reform them, by Suing Some of the Chiefe Claimers of Such lands, for the Arrears of their Quitrents; but finding that the Members of the Councill, and many of the hous of Burgeses, with others were concern'd, being uncertaine of his continuing in the Government, Orderd to begin with one Lawrence Smyth, who was Seiz'd of many thousand Acres of land in Severall Counties, and was Indebted for the Arrears of Quitrents, for one particular Tract of land, Eighty pounds, which, after the caus was ripe for Judgment, was compounded for, att less than halfe the Sum.

[*Endorsed*]

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to Encourage the planting  
tobacco in Virginia  
by  
Ed. Randolph.

Recd the 31<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>t</sup> 1696

Read y<sup>e</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> Octob<sup>r</sup> 1696

Entred Fol : 19<sup>th</sup>

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[*Attached to first page*]

M<sup>r</sup> Randolph's Discourse  
ab<sup>t</sup> Virginia Aug<sup>t</sup> 31<sup>th</sup> 1696

The ingrossing of too large Tracts of Land by particular men is a hindrance to others from planting.

Quit-Rents not paid ; And Lands not seated, nor inhabited, as required by Law (which are general Cafes) are grounds of Forfeiture

#### Remedies.

A Survey to be made

Quit-Rents to be demanded.

Future Grants of land to be restricted to more certain Terms,

And not above 500 Acres to one man.

#### Advantages.

Arrears of Quit-Rents will raise a great sum to the King.

Granting lands in smaller parcels will oblige to more regular planting.

Trade encouraged : Customes increased.

CXLVI.

BOARD OF TRADE TO THE LORDS JUSTICES.

*America and West Indies*, 601. no. 32 I.

To their Excellencys the Lords Justices <sup>446</sup>

May it please Your Ex<sup>ty</sup> <sup>447</sup>

In obedience to yo<sup>r</sup> Ex<sup>ty</sup> Order of the 23<sup>th</sup> of July last annexed to an Extract of a Presentment from the Comm<sup>rs</sup> of the Customes, Wee humbly Represent to yo<sup>r</sup> Ex<sup>ty</sup> that in Our Opinion the Constituting Atturnys Generall in each respective Plantation as moved for, by the Comm<sup>rs</sup> of the Customes will be conducing to the Ends by them proposed; And that therefore in Order to the putting of that design in Execution, Wee haue advised with M<sup>r</sup> Edward Randolph Surveyor Generall of His Ma<sup>ty</sup> Customes in the Continent of

<sup>446</sup> The Lords Justices were not judicial officers, but were appointed practically as Regents of the Kingdom during the frequent absences of the King in Holland.

<sup>447</sup> The first part of this paper is printed *supra*, Vol. V. p. 145. It will be noticed that Randolph proposes the removal of his distant kinsman, William Randolph. See Berry, *County Genealogies . . . Kent*, pp. 278-279; and for William Randolph of Turkey Island see Moncre D. Conway's monograph on *Edmund Randolph*, p. 5. The Reply of the Lords Justices is dated 10th September, and is as follows: "Upon reading the annexed Representation of the

Council of Trade concerning Atturnys Generall to be appointed in His Ma<sup>ty</sup> Plantations in America. It is this day ordered by their Ex<sup>ty</sup> in Council that it be and it is hereby Referrd to Mr Atturny Generall to consider whether an Atturny Generall May not be appointed for his Ma<sup>ty</sup> in each of the severall Colonys and Provinces of Carolina, Pensilvania — East and West New Jersej, Conecticutt, Road Island and the Massachusets Bay in America, Notwithstanding the Grants and Charters to the said Colonies and Provinces and to Report his opinion thereupon to this Board." (*America and West Indies*, 601. no. 32.)

of America, and are by him informed that William Randolph the present Atturmy Generall in Virginia is wholly unacquainted with the Lawes and practice of the Courts in England; that George Platter the present Atturmy Generall in Mariland is a favourer of illegall Trade, That David Lloyd the present Atturmy Generall in Pensilvania has Declared that he served for the Province only and thereupon refused to put Severall forfeited Bonds in Suit, That Anthony Checkly the present Atturmy Generall of the Massachusets Bay is not only Ignorant of the Lawes of England, but has been himself an illegal Trader For which reasons Wee are also humbly of Opinion that the forenamed Persons are not fit to be His Ma<sup>ty</sup> Atturnys Generall, however fitt they may be judged by the Proprietors of any of those Provinces for the Places that they haue power to dispose of. And that it may be expedient for His Ma<sup>ty</sup> Service that the Persons following whom the said M<sup>r</sup> Edward Randolph represents as duly qualified may be Constituted His Ma<sup>ty</sup> Atturnys Generall for the respective Colonys hereafter mentioned viz<sup>t</sup> For Virginia, Mariland and Pensilvania (as also for North Carolina and West Jersey where there is at present No Atturmy Generall) Edward Chilton, For the Massachusets Bay (as also for Road Island and New Hampshire, where also there is at present none) Thomas Newton. For New Yorke, (as also for East Jersey and Conecticott where also there is at present none) James Graham. These being the only alterations of this Kinde for which Wee haue any grounds suggested to us. Wee omitt to Mention those of His Ma<sup>ty</sup> Colonies wherein there are Atturnys Generall already Setled, And  
humbly

humbly Submitt Our Opinion upon these to yo<sup>r</sup> Ex<sup>ty</sup>  
consideration.

J. BRIDGEWATER  
PH. MEADOWS  
JOHN POLLEXFEN  
JOHN LOCKE  
ABR. HILL

Whitehall September  
the 7<sup>th</sup> 1696

A true Copy  
Rich. Colinge

CXLVII.

RANDOLPH'S REPLIES TO QUERIES ABOUT VIRGINIA.

*Board of Trade, Virginia, Vol. VI. no. 9.*

Queries proposd by the R<sup>t</sup> Hono<sup>ble</sup> the Com<sup>rs</sup> for Trade,  
to Edward Randolph, Survey<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> of his M<sup>ty</sup>s Customs  
&c : in Rela<sup>on</sup> to the Lands, in the Colony of Virginia,  
together with his Answers thereto.

1. Question . . . . . What propor<sup>on</sup> of Lands, already  
taken up is now Cultivated, as neer as  
you can Gues<sup>s</sup>?

Answer . . . . . There are in the Colony of Virginia  
upon a Moderate Computa<sup>on</sup> above  
500000 Acres of Land granted by patents,  
of which, not above 40000 Acres are  
Cultivated & Improvd, besides many  
thousand Acres of Wast Land, high up  
in the Country.



2. Question . . . . . What has hindred, that the profecũon, neglected in Coll Nicholfons time, for the Reasons that you Intimate, have not bin Reafum'd & Continu'd Since?

Answer . . . . . Coll Nicholfon was the firft Gov<sup>r</sup> of that Colony, who directed A profecũon to be made for Arrears of Quitt Rents, & did Order the Attorney Gen<sup>l</sup> to begin, with Coll Lawrance Smith, <sup>448</sup> an owner of Large Tracts of Land, lying in Severall Counties. The Caus was ready for Tryall, but the Gov<sup>r</sup> came for England, before the Caus was Try'd, it was afterwards compounded for A Small Matter.

3. Question . . . . . Who has any Authority, to Compound for his Mātys Quit Rents?

Answer . . . . . Noe Man upon the place, has any Authority to Compound for his Mātys Quitt Rents, but it was done in the Cafe of Coll Smith.

4. Question . . . . . Hath any quantities of Land, att any time, for want of planting, Seating or paying the Quit Rents, bin actually Seizd to the Kings Ufe?

Answer . . . . . Some Small parcells of Land, are evry Court granted away to Others upon petitions,

<sup>448</sup> From the Minutes of the Council of Virginia, 21st May, 1691, it would appear that Smyth or Smith was actually arrested on his attempting to leave the town.



cons, for not being planted & Seated,  
according to Law, But No Land hath  
att any time bin Seizd to his Mātys Use,  
for not paying of Quitt Rents.

5 Question . . . . . Are Negro Servants Understood to be  
Included or not, in the Number of per-  
sons, that give A Right to any porcion of  
Lands, to those who Import them?

Answer . . . . . All Negro Servants, Men, Women &  
Children give A Right to those who  
Import them, who thereupon, take up  
Land, contrary to the true Intencons  
of Seating that Country, but, It being  
generally practifed, to the advantage  
of Some persons, No Notice is taken  
of it.

6. Question . . . . . What are the Methods of Surveying in  
that Country?

Answer . . . . . The Importers take out a Certificate  
of their Rights, which upon their Oath  
made before the Gov: in Councill, or att  
A County Court they have obtaind, &  
carry the Same to the Surveyor of the  
County where they have A minde to take  
up Land, & Shew him the Land they  
Suppose to lye Waste, who gives him a  
Survey, which he carrys to the Secre-  
tarys Office, where he has a Patent of  
Cours.

7. Question . . . . . Have you known of any false Certificates of Rights, & how are the Guilty in those Cases punished?

Answer . . . . . I have heard of many: 'Tis become a Common practice in the Country, but little Regarded, being no prejudice to any private person.

8 Question . . . . . Of what Extent are the Counties in that Country? And are they pretty near of Equall Bigness, or Not.

Answer . . . . . There are 23 Counties in Virginia, Some nigh as bigg again as others, but no Survey has as yett bin made of the Country, which, tis Necessary to be done.

9. Question . . . . . What is the Meaning of your proposition that not above 500 Acres of Land, should be granted to One Man?

Answer . . . . . To prevent the like Engrofeing of Lands for the future to the prejudice of Others, who are forced to leave the Country for want of Land to plant. Nevertheless, it will hinder no person from taking up Greater parcells of Land, if he produce Certificates of Rights Legally Obtained: It s' therefore, absolutely Necessary, That, a Law be made in the Country, Inflicting Severe penaltys, on the person, who produces a false Certificate, and also, on the person or persons, allowing them.

10. Question . . . . . In case it should be thought fitt to follow the Methods that you propose, in what part, or in what County, doe you think it most Adviseable to begin?

Answer . . . . . The Members of the Councill, have large Tracts of Land in most of the Counties of Virginia, for which they are in great Arrears of Quitt Rent: Its Adviseable to make a begining with Some of them, & to Impower A person Uninterrested in the Country, to Demand the Arrears of Quitt Rents, due to his M<sup>ty</sup>, which being paid, will Raife A Considerable Sum of Money, & Increas yearly, his M<sup>ty</sup>s Revenue in that Colony. If the patentees refuse to pay the Arrears due, According to the Condi<sup>o</sup>n, their Lands were granted to them, Some hundred thousand Acres of Land, will Revert to the Crown, to be more Carefully disposd of, for the future.

ED. RANDOLPH S: G:

[*Endorsed*]      Answers of Edward Randolph  
to Severall Questions, proposd  
to him by the R<sup>te</sup> Hono<sup>ble</sup>  
the Com<sup>rs</sup> for Trade  
Virginia

Rec<sup>d</sup> Octob<sup>r</sup> 1696  
A. 9.

## CXLVIII.

RANDOLPH'S REVISED LIST OF JUDGES, REGISTRARS AND MARSHALS.<sup>449</sup>*Board of Trade, Plantations General, Vol. IV. no. 36 I.*

The Names of Persons to be appointed the Judges and  
Regist<sup>r</sup> and Marshalls in the Courts of Admiralty

Bermudos	Gilbert Nelson	Judge
	Samuell Spoforth	Register
	Samuell Dafrey	Marshall
South Carolina	Joseph Morton	Judge
	Thomas Carey	Register
	Richard Bellinger	Marshall
Virginia and North Carolina	Edward Hill	Judge
	Miles Carey	Register
	Michael Sherman	Marshall
Maryland	S <sup>r</sup> Thōs Lawrence Baron <sup>t</sup>	Judge
	Henry Denton	Register
	Thomas Collier	Marshall
Pennsylvania and West Jerfey	Robert Quarry	Judge
	W <sup>m</sup> Rodeney	Register
	Robert Webb	Marshall
		New

<sup>449</sup> This list differs considerably from that given *supra*, Vol. V. p. 136. It gives entirely different lists for the Bahamas and South Carolina, and contains the names of Randolph's two staunch friends, Sir Thomas Laurence and Robert Quarry.

New York, East Jerley and Collony of Connecticot in New England	} William Smyth John Tudor Jarvis Marfhal	Judge Register Marfhall
Colony of Road Island	Peleg Sandford Nathaniell Coddington W <sup>m</sup> Allen	Judge Register Marfhall
Province of the Maffathufetts Bay and Province of New Hampshire in New England	} Nathaniell Byfeild Lawrance Hammond Henry Franklin	Judge Register Marfhall
The Bahama Islands	John Layton Thomas Waldock Jofeph Harwood	Judge Register Marfhall

CXLIX.

RANDOLPH ON THE APPOINTMENT OF PROPRIETARY  
GOVERNORS.

*America and West Indies, 601. no. 40.*

To the Right Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Lords Comm<sup>rs</sup> for Trade

May it please yr Lords<sup>ships</sup>

vnderstanding, that the Lords Proprietors of the Islands  
of new Providence Elutheria, and other the Bahama  
Islands

Islands haue recalled M<sup>r</sup>. Trott their present Gon<sup>r</sup>. and Contrary to the Act for preventing frauds & Regulating Abuses in the plantation Trade haue appointed and granted their Commission to Cap<sup>t</sup>. Nicholas Webb to be their Gon<sup>r</sup>. & to Succeed the Said Trott in the Governm<sup>t</sup>. of those Islands before his being first allowed & approved of by his Ma<sup>ty</sup>. Order in Councill, as in the Said Act is Enacted. That all Gon<sup>r</sup>. nominated & appointed by any Such persons or proprietors who shall be entituled to make Such Nomination shall be approved of by his Ma<sup>ty</sup>. his heirs & Successors as aforesaid, etc: by which meanes the Illegall Trade carried on in those Islands, So often complained of, will be still Encouraged & Supported (as in the other proprieties) by the proprietors Gon<sup>r</sup>. vnlesse they be first duely qualified as in the Said Act is Specially directed.

It is therefore humbly proposed, That the Said Cap<sup>t</sup>. Webb bee presented by the Lords proprietors of those Islands to his Ma<sup>ty</sup>. or to y<sup>r</sup>. Lords<sup>ps</sup> to be Examined concerning his fitness and other Qualifications for that Employment, & therevpon to bee approved by his Ma<sup>ty</sup>. if his Ma<sup>ty</sup>. shall think fitt.<sup>450</sup>

And where as y<sup>r</sup>. Lords<sup>ps</sup> are appointed by his Ma<sup>ty</sup>. a Councill of Trade, which is very much Concerned here in:

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<sup>450</sup> In accordance with Randolph's suggestions, the House of Lords on 18th March, 1697, passed an Address to the King, suggesting that the Proprietors should be required to give security for the due execution of the Acts of Trade by their Governors. That this had lit-

tle effect in the case of Nicholas Webb may be seen *supra*, Vol. V. p. 170, but he was really the first Proprietary Governor appointed by the King in Council (*Calendar of State Papers, America and West Indies*, 1697, no. 855).

I thought it my Duty humbly to represent the Same to  
y<sup>r</sup> Lords<sup>ps</sup>

All which is humbly Submitted

by ED RANDOLP

Dec : 31 :  
1696

[*Endorsed*]

Proprieties  
Propofall of Edward Randolph  
about the Govern<sup>t</sup> of the  
Bahama Iflands. To be  
p<sup>r</sup>esented to his Ma<sup>ty</sup> &c<sup>a</sup>

Rec<sup>d</sup> }  
Read } y<sup>e</sup> 31<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1696

A. 12.

CL.

RANDOLPH TO BLATHWAYT: REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS OF  
THE BOARD OF TRADE.

*Collection of the Rev. W. T. Blathwayt.*

S<sup>r</sup>:

feb<sup>y</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 1696.

I this day attended the Lords at their Committee: &  
presented them with a list of the proprietors with some  
remarks vpon their Gon<sup>t</sup> & arbitrary proceedings at the  
same tyme I laid before their Lord<sup>sh</sup>ps the Mapp shewing all  
the proprieties as they lye from South to North. they were  
very intent & ye E: of Mackelffeild<sup>451</sup> could not forbear his  
opinion

<sup>451</sup> Charles Gerard, second Earl of Macclefield (1659-1701), a man of wild character, but of considerable experience and travelled knowledge. He is perhaps best known to history as the husband of Richard Savage's mother.



opinion that they ought all to be <sup>thereat</sup> taken into the Kings possession: & others were of the like opinion:

M<sup>r</sup> penn did not appeare today tho<sup>t</sup> yesterday very hott at y<sup>e</sup> Custome house in prosecuting Mr Brookes for observing his instructions at N: york: the Comm<sup>rs</sup> tooke little notice of his complaint: & left him to apply more properly for redresse: he is directed peremptorily to attend next tuesday:

the L<sup>ds</sup> proprietors of the Bahama Islands are summoned to attend next Munday about their Gon<sup>l</sup> hauing a settled maintainance. & his giuing 1000<sup>l</sup> security: It was discourd that those Islands ought to be taken care of: that Cap<sup>t</sup> Webb. ought to be well provided for:

the Lords are of opinion that the 3 lower Countyes are holden by lease from ye Duke of Yorke & M<sup>r</sup> Penn has not ye Gom<sup>ts</sup> of them: nor Dr Coxe & partners the 2 Jerseys: I did offer the propofall in writing about hauing the Gom<sup>ts</sup> in the proprieties to be invested in the Crown. Some of the Lords presently agreed to haue a clause to that purpose But others agree that their Titles (such as they bee) should be well looked into. not by the present Attorney Gen<sup>l</sup> because he with M<sup>r</sup> Serjeant Ward reported vpon it but by one more of the Judges.

I know the pleasant entertainm<sup>t</sup> at Durham will afford little tyme to consider of the proprietyes: but since you were pleased to think it necessary that a clause should be provided for investing the Gom<sup>ts</sup> of the proprieties. be pleased to oblige M<sup>r</sup> Pen & the Jersey Gent<sup>l</sup> with a draft of such a Clause: that I may haue it ready against the next tyme I attend their Lord<sup>sh</sup> it will saue a great deale of tyme & putt a speedy issue to their vncertaine expectations: I had this  
day

day a Gen<sup>l</sup> Order to attend : & hope not to loose my tyme.  
or buſines. I will not faile to giue you an account how  
matters go in my new province: labouring hard for a new  
modell of ye proprietys Gom<sup>ts</sup> hoping & are ſafe arrived I  
wiſh you all happines & am

S<sup>r</sup> your obliged humble ſer<sup>t</sup>

ED RANDOLPH :

[*Adreſſed*] To the Hon<sup>ble</sup> :  
M<sup>r</sup> Blathwayte  
at Durham  
in Gloſterſhire

[*Endorſed*] 20 Feb: 96  
From M<sup>r</sup> Randolph  
upon his hearing before the  
Lords about M Pen

CLI.

COMMISSIONERS OF CUSTOMS ON RANDOLPH'S LIST  
OF OFFICIALS.

*Board of Trade, Plantations General, Vol. IV. no. 36.*

Right Hon<sup>ble</sup>

We haue received your Letter of the 24<sup>th</sup> Infant deſiring  
us to giue you a Liſt of Such Names as We think fitt to be  
Preſented to his Ma<sup>ty</sup> to be Employed in the Severall Courts  
of Adm<sup>y</sup> Your Lord<sup>ſh</sup> having according to a Preſentm<sup>t</sup> of  
ours to the Lords Comm<sup>rs</sup> of the Trea<sup>ry</sup> Propoſed to his  
Ma<sup>ty</sup> The Erecting ſuch Courts of Adm<sup>y</sup> in the Severall  
Plantations in America as well thoſe under diſtinct Pro-  
prieties

prieties as others, And We having on this Occasion Summon'd before us M<sup>r</sup> Randolph Survey<sup>r</sup> Generall of the Plantacons on the North Coast of America And Received from him a List of the Severall Persons w<sup>ch</sup> in pursuance of our Sayd Presentm<sup>t</sup> (of the 17 July 1696) he sayd before the Right Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Lords Comm<sup>rs</sup> of the Adm<sup>y</sup> in w<sup>ch</sup> List he hath On further Enquiry and Examination alterd the Names of the Persons in South Carolina & the Bahama Islands We doe herewith Transmitt the Same to yo<sup>r</sup> Lord<sup>sh</sup> with those alteracons,

The best means we can think off to be Informed of their fittnes for the respectiue Employments of Judge Register & Marshall being from the Character w<sup>ch</sup> the said Randolph giues of them. We are

Yo<sup>r</sup> Lord<sup>sh</sup>

Most humble Servants

Custom house London<sup>e</sup>  
25 Febr<sup>y</sup> 1696

ROBT CLAYTON  
WALTER YONGE  
SAM CLARKE  
BEN OUERTON

Lords Comm<sup>rs</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> Council of Trade.

CLI A.

TWO PAPERS OF PENN IN ANSWER TO RANDOLPH AND  
RANDOLPH'S DEFENCE.

*House of Lords Com: Book, March 1, 1696-7.*

Transcribed in Calendar of MSS. Vol. II. pp. 456-460. no. 1115 (r) (s) (t).

(r) Mr Penn's Answer<sup>453</sup> to Mr Randolph touching the three lower counties, viz<sup>t</sup>

1. The lower counties were granted to me in Fee upon advice of the best and ablest Counsel of England with a design of Government as well as soil. On these terms I solicited and received them and without it would not have made my two years' expedition to America, the rest being very imperfect if not impracticable, without their addition;  
and

<sup>453</sup> This paper of Penn's is in answer to a Memorial of Randolph, practically identical with that printed *supra*, Vol. V. p. 151, but in which the "Three Lower Counties of Suffex, Kent, and Newcastle upon Delaware" are described separately from Pennsylvania, as follows:

"Mr Penn is the Proprietor of the soil only. The Duke of York obtained a grant of them from King Charles the Second with power of government, and soon after let them by lease to Mr Penn. He has set up a sort of government amongst the inhabitants. Those counties lie above 100 miles upon the southern part of Delaware Bay, the only place upon that bay where they plant tobacco. It is adjoining all along to Maryland, from whence great quantities of Tobacco are some years brought

over land to Delaware and shipped directly for Scotland. Nine vessels for the year 1690 to the year 1695 have carried tobacco out of the Bay to Scotland directly, besides Gustavus Hamilton, the chief factor for the Scotch merchants in Glasgow, and two other vessels, who have since carried their Tobacco to Glasgow directly. Pirates are harboured there and purchase their provisions of bread beer, etc at Philadelphia. The Commissioners of the Customs have appointed two Officers for those counties, but they will signify little till they are annexed to the government of Maryland, or otherwise, as his Majesty shall be pleased to appoint." The Memorial is given in full in *Manuscripts of the House of Lords*, Vol. II. pp. 440-443. Cf. *supra*, Vol. V. p. 156.

and so it has been understood in K. Charles, K. James, and this King's time

2. It is time that what Tobacco grows with us is made there, but amounts not to, one year with another, above 600 or 700 hogheads, which is but loading for a ship of ordinary bulk.

3. If Tobacco be carried from Maryland to our side in fraud to the King, Edw. Randall ought to answer for that for suffering it, and if he can't, how can I? The crime lies on the side of Maryland, where he chiefly resides; and there it is such practices should be stopped, and not that we should suffer for their neglects.

4. When it is on our side there is a Navall officer of his own appointment, and has been long, who ought to answer for it. For it were very hard that we should be security for officers of his putting in.

5. There is not any place upon both the bays where there is so little and so ill tobacco made as at and near the rivers of Bohemia and Opaquimany. Besides, the water carriage is so much cheaper on Maryland side, and the conveyance safer for such practices that Edward Randall confesses 27 sail of ships have transgressed from Maryland, which he calls a Kings' government and is more immediately under his own inspection for 9 sail that went from our parts: and if true, I dare affirm did not carry more tobacco than two of those from Maryland.

6. As there is but one way alleged by E. Randall that any fraud can be committed, viz. from Bohemia river to Opaquimany on our side, so let it be considered that those bulky hogheads must be brought 8 or 10 miles over land in that  
only

only way, which I never heard was attempted but once and then discovered. Nor can there be any advantage proposed in doing of it, since one halfpenny per pound is all they can promise themselves for these following risks: first, the charge of land carriage; secondly the hazard of being taken; thirdly the rarity and difficulty of freight on our side, being oft-times six months without shipping: fourthly for the convenience of shipping, that makes our freight much dearer than from Maryland which oft-times obliges us to send our growth to Virginia; lastly we have no convoys, which fleets from Maryland and Virginia seldom go without.

For conclusion in answer to his Charge relating to the lower counties, we have made a law to prohibit the importation of tobacco into our Province upon the forfeiture of the whole, unless it pay the penny per pound to the King, according to the Acts of Navigation, which are carefully observed in that Province, which is made what it is by the estates and industry of a sober honest people, and not by any indirect ways as he basely suggests. Please to call Saml Groome, Robt. Ruddle, Jeremiah Basf, Capt. Wild, Richard Hill

WM. PENN.

[delivered on this day]

(s) Mr Penn's Answer to Mr Randolph's Paper relating to Pennsylvania, viz<sup>t</sup>

1. I acknowledge Colonel Markham is my Deputy-Governor, a man without exception, or the Lords of the Privy Council would not have recommended him to the late Queen, as they did, for her approbation, and which she as readily complied with. He was Deputy Governor to Colonel Fletcher,  
Governor

Governor of New York while my Province was under his care and therefore I conceive no fault in me to continue him.

2. That Patrick Robinson is a Scotchman and Secretary is true: but that he is by the Laws of England capable of being so is as true; but he was not of my making, and if the King think it improper, he shall be immediately removed by my next letters.

3. That David Floyd is called a Quaker and is the Attorney General is true, but that he is reputed an honest man and the ablest lawyer in that Province, and a zealous man for the Government, none that knows him will deny, he having often given such proof in cases wherein the interest of the Crown has been concerned.

4. For what concerns his reflection upon our Judges,<sup>453</sup> they are honest and substantial men, one of them being worth fifty times the estate of the reflector.

5. For the two ships pretended to come from Scotland and Norway, I know nothing of them, and therefore crave time to answer it, though I believe not one word of the insinuation.

6. That the Governor favours pirates is both foul and false. Call Samuel Groome and Jeremy Bafs, for they have the pass of the Governor of New York to reside or travel through our Province, who is the King's Governor in that Province.

Lastly. That Colonel Markham desired the Collector's place can be no fault to the King that I know of nor to himself  
if

<sup>453</sup> Randolph's charge against the Judges of Pennsylvania is apparently only contained in the House of Lords copy of his Memorial and runs as follows: "The Judges in the Courts of Judicature are not legally qualified neither can the Officers of the Customs obtain Justice for his Majesty."

if profitable. But if his poverty<sup>454</sup> be an objection he shall be changed if the King pleases: but for that reason E. Randall ought not to be Surveyor of the Customs, who I have reason to believe, is not worth five hundred pounds, if one, in the whole world. Please to call Saml Groome, Counsellor Wharton, Jeremy Bais, both to Colonel Markham's diligence against Pirates and Edward Randall's greater sufficiencies.

WM. PENN.

[Delivered on this day]

(t) Paragraphs relating to the three Lower Counties &c and Pennsylvania in answer to Mr Penn's exceptions viz'

Paragraphs	Breve of the 2 paragraphs relating to the
Three Lower Counties	3 Lower Counties on Delaware Bay and Pennsylvania
	Vouched by
Great quantities of Tobacco are some years brought overland from Maryland to Delaware Bay	Capt. Brown's paper: the letters of Capt. Dyer, Mr Mein and of Mr Williams, officers of the Customs produced by Mr Savage* No 1
And shipped directly for Scotland	Vide abstract of the letters from Mr Prowse, the Commissioners of the Customs' Agent

<sup>454</sup> Randolph's charge had been really giving Markham a sufficient salary to directed against Penn himself for not keep him honest.



Agent in Scotland, to Mr  
Savage. No 2

\* Mr Nicholl informs of another way over land from Elk River to Newcastle as also Joseph Man.

Alexander Smart, Mathias D'Hart and Righton's bonds not discharged. Joseph Armstrong a Scotchman and a Quaker in London, part owner of Righton's vessel, Ebenezer Chaffin.

besides Gustavus Hamilton the chief agent for the Scotch merchants in Glasgow

*Vide* copy of Capt. Meeche's letter and journal to Col. Nicholson, and lists of Scotch merchants living in Glasgow and of Scotch merchants in London with whom they correspond No. 3.

Pirates are harboured there and purchase their provision in Philadelphia

*Vide* letter from Thomas Lowry to Wm Nicoll, which is vouched by Wm. Nicoll and Ebenezer Chaffin

Pennsylvania

No 3  
*Quer.* What Mr Graves can inform of Pirates there and in all other places

Mr Markham is the present Governor, to whom Samuel

*Vide* his Commission from Mr Penn, 24 December Carpenter

Carpenter and John Goodson (Quakers) are joined with him in the Government, but refused to act

Patrick Robinson, a Scotchman, Secretary, and David Floyd a Quaker the country's Attorney-General.

One vessel with goods from Scotland; another with wine brandy and European goods from Norway having a Dutchman to be her master

The Judges of the Courts of Judicature are not quali-

1694, directing that care be taken to suppress all vice and disorderly walking. Carpenter, a great merchant. Goodson, a surgeon. No 4. Mr Penn thought it not fit to entrust the civil affairs of his Province to Mr Markham (an infirm man) only, yet has the great confidence to recommend him to the Lords of the Council of Trade, as fit to be the sole Governor, to be approved of by his Majesty in all matters of Trade and State with the addition of being appointed Vice-Admiral also.

Pleaded in another province at the trial of a vessel from Scotland against the Prosecutor for his Majesty. *Vide* Capt. Meeche's journal and Webb's letter

*Vide* Meeche's journal and Webb's letters

*Vide* copies of the three trials signed by the Clerks of the  
fied

fied according to law, neither can the Officers of the Customs obtain Justice for his Majesty.

The Governor is a favourer of Pirates

Pennsylvania lies in the centre between Maryland and New York most conveniently for illegal trade

No place has in so short a time by such ways been so greatly improved.

Courts in the 3 lower Counties No 5

Mr Nicholl can inform the unheard-of injustice done between party and party in that Province.

*Vide* Meeche's journal and Webb's letter No 3.

*Vide* Mr Markham's warrant to Mr Clark No 5

*Vide* list of pirates given me by Mr Clark and Mr Blake at Chester in that Province in February 1694. No 5.

Everett Johnson, master of the vessel which imported wine and brandy etc from Norway was a Dutchman, and gone to New York when his vessel was seized. Journal

No 3.

No justice to be had at her trial in Philadelphia

*Vide* Robert Webb's letter.

No 3.

By trade to Scotland, Carlaw, and other prohibited places

*Vide* Mr Markham's warrant to Mr Clark No 5.

Addenda.

Addenda.

That Col. Nicholson was not the Governor of Maryland when the tobacco was carried thence to Scotland

The goods were imported by Paris a pirate from Carafaw feized by Mr Clark tried and condemned by the Governor and Council and appraised not at  $\frac{1}{4}$  the value.

He went over the Bay and feized the ship William and Mary from Scotland, Thomas Meeche, master. She was tried at Jamestown and failed, upon giving bond.

*Vide* Account of seizures in Maryland not prosecuted

No 6 \*

\* And by an Order of Council holden at S<sup>t</sup> Mary's in Maryland the 13th October 1694.

The trade from the Plantations to Scotland is greater than before the Act for preventing frauds etc

*Vide* lifts of vessels extracted out of Mr Prowse's letters from Scotland examined by Mr Board

No 2.

Ebenezer Chaffin, Joseph Armstrong, Meeche's Journal.

No 3.

Naval Officers take insufficient security for vessels loading Tobacco for England etc.

James Reid bound with Alexander Smart, Henry Vandeburg with Mathias D'Hart John Feratt with

John

John Walley. *Vide* New-  
castle list of bonds No 2.

Joseph Man

I have seized and prosecuted  
several vessels in Virginia  
Maryland and Pennsylvania.

*Vide* the lists of vessels<sup>468</sup>  
seized and prosecuted No 6

And obtained judgment  
against Mathias D'Hart for  
1000l. sterling at New York

*Vide* copy of the bond and  
the original judgment No. 6

#### Addenda

That I wrote to Governor  
Markham to take more care  
of bonds and certificates


*Vide* his letter to me March  
1694 No. 4.

That he discouraged the Offi-  
cers of the Customs

*Vide* Mr Clark's and Mr  
Blake's letters to me No. 4.

That besides the Tobacco  
carried to England and Scot-  
land, great quantities are car-  
ried from Delaware to the  
Plantations yearly.

*Vide* copies of two lists, con-  
taining 78 vessels cleared  
from Delaware to the Plan-  
tations, by the Collectors of  
the Customs from the year  
1686 to the year 1694. No 2.

 From whence it appears that there is a necessity of a  
Regulation made in Pennsylvania in the matter of Trade,  
and acquits my masters the Commissioners of the Customs  
from the unjust reflection of mispending the treasure of the  
Kingdom

<sup>468</sup> This paper was no doubt accom-  
panied by several confirmatory docu-  
ments of which only one has survived.  
This is a list of ships, and is printed in  
full in the *Calendar of the Manuscripts*

*of the House of Lords*, Vol. II. pp. 462-  
463. It is of the same character as the  
two elsewhere printed in these Memoirs,  
and of no interest.

Kingdom to maintain their Officers in the Province, where, as it is affirmed, there does not grow above seven or eight hundred hogheads of Tobacco yearly; but the illegal and very advantageous trade to the inhabitants cannot be suppressed until his Majesty be pleased to appoint a Governor for that end.

[No date or signature: probably delivered in by Mr Randolph 1st or 4th March.]

CLI B.

RANDOLPH'S MEMORIAL TO THE LORDS' COMMITTEE AGAINST  
THE SCOTTISH EAST INDIA COMPANY.

*House of Lords Com : Book, March 4, 1696-7.*

Transcribed in Calendar of MSS. Vol. II. pp. 488-490. no. 1115 (cc).

4 March. Mr Randolph's Paper to the Committee as follows

May it please your Lordships.

The East India Company in Scotland have the following privileges granted them by the late Scotch Act under colour whereof they claim a right to trade in his Majesty's English Plantations

[Scotch Act. p. 4.] They have liberty to plant Colonies etc in and upon places not inhabited or in and upon places inhabited by [p. 5] consent of the natives and inhabitants thereof: To make and conclude treaties of Peace and Commerce with the Governors and Proprietors, paying only to his Majesty of Scotland one hoghead of Tobacco yearly, if required. And although

although they forbid all other Scots than those of their own Company to touch on any Plantation which they shall acquire, on pain of confiscation, yet they allow all such Scots to trade in Tobacco and Sugar elsewhere (that is to say amongst the English) they paying for what they so bring home such duties as are established in Scotland : by all which it may be presumed how they project to let themselves into the Trade of his Majesty's Plantations, and it is probable they meditate either the purchasing a settlement in West Jersey on the northward, or in one of the three lower Counties of Newcastle Kent or Suffex on the southern shore of Delaware Bay, being no part or parcel of the land granted Mr Penn in his Patent of Pennsylvania, or in some one or more Islands nigh the Continent: by which expedient (if acquired) they might in a short time make a Staple not only of all sorts of European manufactures but also of the Enumerated Plantation commodities, even as it is at this day practised at the small Dutch island of Carasaw. For prevention therefore of so great a mischief to England, an Act was passed the last Session of Parliament intituled An Act for preventing Frauds and regulating Abuses in the Plantation

[page 509] Trade wherein it is enacted ' That all persons claiming any right or property in any islands or tracts of land upon the Continent of America shall not hereafter sell or dispose of the said lands etc other than to the natural-born subjects of England, Ireland, dominion of Wales or town of Berwick-upon-Tweed, without the license or consent of his Majesty, his heirs and successors signified by his or their order in Council first had and obtained': which indeed puts a present stop to their selling any of those lands to the Scotch Company

pany, but there is no penalty upon such who shall sell or dispose of them without his Majesty's said Order in Council;

[Ibid] 'And all Governors nominated and appointed by any such persons or proprietors who shall be Entitled to make such nomination shall be allowed and approved of by his Majesty, his heirs and successors as aforesaid and shall take the oath enjoined by this or any other Act to be taken by the Governors or Commanders-in-chief in other his Majesty's Colonies and Plantations before their entering upon their respective Governments under the like penalty his Majesty's Governors and Commanders-in-chief are liable to'

But in regard there is likewise no penalty upon those who shall refuse to make such nomination, and that after his Majesty has approved of such person so nominated to be the Governor, there being no power invested in his Majesty by the said Act either to remove such Governor for misdemeanour or to appoint another in his stead in case the Proprietor neglect to nominate one it is then to be feared such Governors, being under no check, will exercise an arbitrary power and promote the interest of their Proprietors and inhabitants by being favourable to the Scotch trade (as formerly). Besides, this last clause, chiefly intended for suppressing the Scotch trade in the Plantations does not (as I humbly conceive) answer the proposed end, for there is a great uncertainty in it, in regard the Proprietors are altered and changed upon every sale (as those of the Jerseys) having by the said Act liberty to sell and dispose of their lands at their pleasure; and although some of the Proprietors are noblemen and persons of honour (Mr Penn aforesaid pretending ever to be very zealous for the interest of the present Government) yet





it is not known how soon both his and the other proprieties may fall into the hands of persons less regarding the interest and advantage of the Crown.

The several Proprieties are extended above a thousand miles upon the Continent of America. The Scots have a long time tasted the sweetness of the Trade to our Plantations, they paying no duties to his Majesty for the goods they import to the Plantations nor for the Tobacco they carry from thence to Scotland directly, so that they can thereby sell their goods at far cheaper rates and give a better price to the inhabitants for their tobacco than the English merchants can do which is not to be prevented but by a clause to invest the dominion of all those proprieties in his Majesty in like manner as are the Governments of Virginia Maryland and Barbadoes . which will in no wise invade or disturb the property the owners and inhabitants have to the soil, and all the profits and advantages arising from it, but the contrary

All which is humbly submitted by

ED: RANDOLPH.

[Endorsed as received 8th and read 11th March.]

CLII.

SANSOM ON THE CASE OF JOHN GRAVES.

*Board of Trade, Proprieties, Vol. XXV. p. 58.*

March 24 <sup>th</sup>	Letter from M <sup>r</sup> . Sanfom	Journal B } fol. 43 }
Letb from M <sup>r</sup> . Sanfom	Secretary of the Custome-	
ab: the Proceedings of	house, about the Proceedings of those	
y <sup>e</sup> Comiſſi <sup>rs</sup> of the Customs	Commiſſioners towards M <sup>r</sup> . Graves	
towards M <sup>r</sup> . Graves upon	upon M <sup>r</sup> . Bulkley's Petition.	
M <sup>r</sup> . Bulkely's Petition		

S<sup>r</sup>:

I received your Letter of the 17<sup>th</sup> Instant with a fol. 54  
Copy of a Petition presented to the Lords Commissioners of  
the Council of Trade by M<sup>r</sup>. Thomas Bulkley,<sup>466</sup> Reflecting Se-  
verely upon M<sup>r</sup>. John Graves appointed to go over in the  
Service of the Commissioners of the Customs to the Bahama  
Islands And at their first Meeting after the receipt of your  
said Letter I laid the same before them. And upon perusal  
thereof they Directed M<sup>r</sup>. Randolph who had Recommended  
M<sup>r</sup>. Graves to them to attend them forth with together with  
the said Graves since which M<sup>r</sup>. Randolph and M<sup>r</sup>. Graves  
have attended the Commissioners and M<sup>r</sup>. Randolph ac-  
quainted

<sup>466</sup> The case of Bulkley of Providence was a very serious one. He had been Deputy Secretary of the Bahamas and had quarrelled with Cadwallader Jones, the Governor, on account of the latter's entertainment of pirates, and had finally succeeded in getting him imprisoned. Jones in his turn was rescued by the pirates, and Graves, at Jones's

instigation, sacked Bulkley's house, killed his wife (as he said) with fright and imprisoned him for fourteen months (*Calendar of State Papers, America and West Indies*, 1696. no. 681). In spite of this, the Board were inclined to confirm Graves's appointment (no. 877), but finally were convinced of the justice of Bulkley's accusations (no. 1400).

quainted them That being directed to propose to the Board the Names of Persons to be employed in the English Colonies in America in Order to the better Execution of the Acts of Trade and Navigation and more Effectual prevention of Frauds there, he did make the best Enquiry he could for Persons Qualified for the said Service, and amongst others the said M<sup>r</sup> Graves had been named to him. That till that time he had no knowledge of the said M<sup>r</sup> Graves, and he appearing to have been appointed to be Attorney General in the Island of Providence by the Authority of M<sup>r</sup> Trott then Governour there he was thereby induced to propose him; M<sup>r</sup> Graves produced to the Commissioners the Authority he had at that time from Governour Trott to be Attorney General in the said Island and would have gone on to Defend himself in the Matter charged against him by the Petition of M<sup>r</sup> Bulkley But the Commissioners acquainted him That this matter was under a Proper Examination before the Lords Commissioners of the Council of Trade And because he was Questionable there for Matters of no Small Importance They thought it necessary to recall the Authority the said Graves had received from this Board And accordingly the said M<sup>r</sup> Graves hath delivered up his Commission And the Commissioners have under Consideration to appoint another Person in his stead. This is what I have in Command to Signifie to You and am

S<sup>t</sup>Your most humble Serv<sup>t</sup>JN<sup>o</sup> SANSOM

Custome-house London

23<sup>d</sup> March 1696

CLIII.

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BOARD OF TRADE TO RANDOLPH.

*Board of Trade, Plantations General, Vol. XXXIV. p. 138.*

Letter to M<sup>r</sup> Randolph

S<sup>r</sup>

Upon the intimation you lately gave to the Lords Commissioners of the Council of Trade and Plantations of your intended returne to America, Their Lordships being sensible of your great knowledge and Experience in all things relating to the Advantage and Improvement of his Majesty's Colonies in those parts have commanded me to desire you from time to time to give them an account of what soever you shall judge proper for their knowledge, in Order to his Majesty's Service, in any of those Colonies where you shall reside, or through which you shall pass.

1697  
April 1<sup>st</sup>  
Lett<sup>r</sup> to M<sup>r</sup> Randolph desiring him after his Arrival in y<sup>e</sup> W. Indies, to give this Board an acc<sup>t</sup> from time to time of w<sup>t</sup> ever may be proper for their knowledge relating to y<sup>e</sup> Plantations.

Answer fo. 295  
Journal B. 49

I am

S<sup>r</sup> &c

W [ILLIAM] P [OPPLE].

Whitehall

April the 1<sup>st</sup> 1697

## CLIV.

## BOARD OF TRADE TO RANDOLPH ABOUT A REVENUE CUTTER.

*Board of Trade, Maryland, Vol. IX. p. 91.*To Edward Randolph Esq<sup>r</sup>.S<sup>r</sup>:

Upon the desire of Coll<sup>l</sup> Nicholson Governour of Maryland; that a Vessell may be appointed to cruize upon that Coast, for hindering the mischeifs arising by Pyrates and illegal Trade; The Lords Commissioners of the Councill of Trade &c commanded me to enquire of M<sup>r</sup> Sansome what had already been done upon any desire of the Commissioners of the Customs upon that Subject, and having received answer from him that the Commissioners of the Customs did lay before the Lords of the Treasury a Presentment to that purpose dated the 7<sup>th</sup> of Novemb<sup>r</sup> last, but without mentioning what Effect it had; Their Lordships have now commanded me to enquire of you what has been done, or what you judge likely to be done thereupon, in order to their making such further application as they shall see expedient.

I am &amp;c.

Whitehall

Aug<sup>t</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> 1697

W [ILLIAM] P [OPPLE].

1697  
Aug<sup>t</sup> 17<sup>th</sup>  
Letter to M<sup>r</sup> Randolph about some Cruizing Vessels on the Coast of Virginia and Maryland &c.

Journ<sup>l</sup> B. 199  
Answer fol. 94  
Fol. 59.

CLV.

CLV.

RANDOLPH'S ANSWER TO THE PRECEDING.

*Board of Trade, Maryland, Vol. IX. p. 94.*

To the Right Honourable the Lords  
Commissiioners of the Council of Trade

May it please Your Lordships

By a Letter received from M<sup>r</sup>. Secretary Popple of the 17<sup>th</sup>  
instant I am directed to informe what has Journ<sup>l</sup>. B. 227  
been done upon the presentment of the Com-  
missiioners of the Customs of the 7<sup>th</sup> of Novemb<sup>r</sup>.  
past about a Vessel to cruize upon the Coast of  
Maryland and Pensilvania, and what I judge like  
to be done thereupon.

1697  
Aug<sup>r</sup>. 31<sup>th</sup>  
Mem<sup>o</sup>. from M<sup>r</sup>.  
Randolph in answer  
to a Letter writ him  
some while ago  
relating to a Vessel  
to cruize on the  
Coast of Maryland

In answer thereto I humbly represent, That their Excel-  
lencies the Lords Justices upon reading a Report of the  
Commissiioners of the Customs of the 9<sup>th</sup> of January past con-  
cerning a Vessell of 40 Tuns well manned, to be sent from  
hence to Delaware &c. were pleased by their Order in Coun-  
cill of the 6<sup>th</sup> of May past, to order that the Lords Commif-  
sioners of the Admiralty should give the necessary Orders  
for such a Vessell, if they had no Objections to the same, and  
if they have, to report their Opinion to the Board, but I  
know not what progresse their Lordships have made therein.

Certainly 'tis at present greatly for his Majesty's service  
(seeing that the Master of the Vessel fitted out by Coll<sup>l</sup>.  
Nicholson for that purpose is dead and the Vessel disposed of)  
that another of like burthen be had, either in Maryland or  
some

some other Plantation with a knowing and diligent Master and Sailers (who are to be of the Inhabitants) to cruize at the mouth, and in Delaware Bay, and other places to prevent the illegall Trade, But the sending such a Veffell from England, will be only a very great charge, neither will it in any sort answer the proposed end, for she may be had, and well mann'd and maintained in her Weare and Tare &c at far lesse charge in the Country, besides if they send a Master and Sailers that know their business from hence, they will not continue in the Service upon their bare wages, but be projecting to enrich themselves by indirect ways: Sometimes by taking money of the Scotch Traders, and others to connive at their frauds, and thereby elude the only intent of their going thither, being under no check or controule upon the place, or sometimes by oppression and exactions upon honest Traders, as has not long since been commonly practised by the Commanders of his Majesty's Frigats in Virginia, as severall of the Masters of Shippes belonging to Bristoll and other Out ports in England have just cause to complaine.

All which is humbly submitted  
by

EDW : RANDOLPH.

CLVI

RANDOLPH TO BLATHWAYT ON HIS ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK.

*Collection of the Rev. W. T. Blathwayt.*

Hon<sup>d</sup> S<sup>r</sup>

New York May 12<sup>th</sup> 1698

I have given y<sup>r</sup> Board an account of my Proceedings in Maryland,<sup>487</sup> the Jerseys, & Pensilvania, to which I humbly referr y<sup>r</sup> Hon<sup>d</sup>. I arriv'd here the 22<sup>th</sup> of Aprill past where I find the Earle of Bellamont arrived & settled in the ffort; Leister<sup>488</sup> arriv'd here much about the same time with an Act of Parliament . in favour of his father, which makes a very great faction in this Town; They are now divided upon the Poll for choosng members of their Asssembly with such heats, they can hardly be kept from shedding blood; If Leisters Party prevails forty or fifty of the Richest families in this town, will remove themselves & their Trade to Amboy, which lyes farr more conveniently for it then New York.

The los of the Swift ffrigott<sup>489</sup> is a great disapointment & hindrance to his Maj<sup>ties</sup> affairs under my Care; I am come to this Place, to look for a passage to Carolina, the Bahama Ilands, & Bermudas, & depended upon the Earle of Bellamonts sending the fflowy ffrigott thither to look after Pyrates, which wou'd have given me both a Countenance & a secure passage

<sup>487</sup> *Supra*, Vol. V. p. 171.

<sup>488</sup> This is Jacob Leister the younger; the reversal of his father's attainder was carried in the House of Commons on 2d May, 1695, and received the Royal

Assent on 3d May (*Calendar of State Papers, America and West Indies*, 1695, no. 1803).

<sup>489</sup> *Supra*, Vol. II. p. 153, and Vol. V. p. 174.



passage to those Places but after staying here a month for that purpose, I am very uncertain whether his Lord<sup>sh</sup> will send her or no.

I have inclo<sup>d</sup> to M<sup>r</sup> Povey severall Papers which shew, that M<sup>r</sup> Penns Govern<sup>t</sup> has as little regard to the Acts of Trade as M<sup>r</sup> Penn himselfe has to his Promises which he makes to the Ministers of State & others in England in rela<sup>ti</sup>on to M<sup>r</sup> Markham his Govern<sup>t</sup> putting in Execu<sup>ti</sup>on the Acts of Trade in his Province of Pensilvania: Wishing the Continuance of health & happine<sup>s</sup>s to you & all y<sup>r</sup> family I remain in all duty

y<sup>r</sup> humble serv<sup>t</sup>

ED RANDOLPH :.

M<sup>r</sup> Blathwayte

[*Endorsed*] 12 May 1698  
From M<sup>r</sup> Randolph

## CLVII.

### RANDOLPH TO BLATHWAYT APPLYING FOR THE POST OF SURVEYOR OF TREES.

*Board of Trade, New England, Vol. IX.*

Hon<sup>d</sup> S<sup>t</sup>

New York. May 21: 1698

You may please to remember that notwithstanding all the arguments vs<sup>d</sup> to prevent the Sending M<sup>r</sup> Bridger & M<sup>r</sup> Hurzer<sup>400</sup> as Agents to Survey y<sup>e</sup> woods in New Eng<sup>d</sup> yet  
by

<sup>400</sup> John Bridger and Benjamin Furzer (not Hurzer) were appointed to report on the condition of Naval Stores in New England in September, 1696 (*Calendar of State Papers, America and West Indies*, 1696, no. 182).

by S<sup>r</sup> Henry Ashursts Interest They were appointed & sent  
ouer to that purpose: M<sup>r</sup> Bridger is going from here to  
Boston & Eastern parts being his District: M<sup>r</sup> Hurzer dyed  
at Barbados. there is more reason to haue these parts Sur-  
veyed where are vast quantityes of great trees fitt for masts  
of the biggest dimentions: not yet medled with: nigh the  
water side & also vpon Coll Lewis Morris his Lands in the  
province of East New Jerfye: & Oaken tymber enough to  
build a Navy. I desire you to gett a Warr<sup>t</sup> from ye Treas-  
ury to be appointed to Succeed M<sup>r</sup> Hurzer with the like  
Salary he had for his Service to be surveyor of the Woods  
in these parts of the world: It will be a great service to ye  
Crown & an obligation vpon S<sup>r</sup>

Your humble Ser<sup>t</sup>

ED. RANDOLPH

You may please to  
remember that it was  
vpon y<sup>e</sup> first propofall that I  
was made the Survey<sup>r</sup> in N. Eng<sup>d</sup>  
& S<sup>r</sup> He. Ashurst onely stopd my haueing  
a new warr<sup>t</sup>  
M<sup>r</sup> Blathwayt

[*Addressed*] To the Hon<sup>ble</sup>  
M<sup>r</sup> Blathwayt  
at  
Whitehall

[*Endorsed*] New-Engl<sup>d</sup>  
Lre from M<sup>r</sup> Randolph to  
M<sup>r</sup> Blathwayt, ab<sup>t</sup> Naval  
Stores. Dated at New York  
the 21<sup>th</sup> of May 1698

Communicated

Communicated to the  
Board by M<sup>r</sup>. Blathwayt

Rec<sup>d</sup>. }  
Read } July 6<sup>th</sup>. 1698

Entr N. Engl B. fol. 10

[*Alfo*] To Cap<sup>t</sup> Richard Leader  
aboard ye Depford  
frigott

[In Randolph's handwriting]

### CLVIII.

#### THE CASE OF PATRICK ROBINSON.

*Collection of the Rev. W. T. Blathwayt.*<sup>441</sup>

Phyladelphia, The Deposition of Edward Randolph Survey<sup>r</sup>  
Gener<sup>l</sup> of His Maj<sup>ty</sup> Customes on the Continent  
of America &c

July 28<sup>th</sup> 1698 That being by accident at the Door of his Lodging on the 28<sup>th</sup> of July past in the dwelling house of Charles Read in Phyladelphia, Patrick Robinson a Scotchman, Sec<sup>ry</sup>: of the Province of Pensilvania came to this Dep<sup>t</sup>: laying violent hands on him, in a great passion told this Dep<sup>t</sup>: he should not stirr from him, untill he had given him present satisfaction, for the wrong done by him by this Dep<sup>t</sup>: in shewing amongst other things in his representations made about March 1694 to the R<sup>ts</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Lords Committees, appointed to consider the state of the trade of the Kingdom in the words following (that Patrick Robinson a Scotchman

<sup>441</sup> The whole of the episode here narrated at length is summarized by Randolph in his report to the Board of

Trade, *supra*, Vol. V. p. 218. The allegation that Robinson was a Scotsman is found *supra*, Vol. I. p. 158.

Scotchman was the Sec<sup>ry</sup> of the Province of Pensilvania) urging that it was mentioned w<sup>th</sup> reflections upon him or the Govern<sup>t</sup>: he used all manner of Insulting and rude language (not fitt to be spoaken) on purpose to provoke this Dep<sup>t</sup>: by word or otherwise to giue him Occasion to complain against him to M<sup>r</sup> Markham the Prop<sup>n</sup>: Gouvern<sup>t</sup>: the said Robinson continued so enraged that he followed this Dep<sup>t</sup>: up to his Chambers, where he stayd a long time and wold not be gone till this Dep<sup>t</sup>: had wrote a Paper, of w<sup>th</sup> the Inclosed N<sup>o</sup>. 1 is a Copy —

That this Dep<sup>t</sup>: about March last stayd 5 or 6 weeks in Phyladelphia and in all that time heard nothing from the Sec<sup>ry</sup>: but it hapned that one John Moorehead a Scotchman had his Vessell and loading under seizure, by the Officer at Phyladelphia, And that this Dep<sup>t</sup>: was very pressing on M<sup>r</sup> Markham to haue Blackleaches bond of £1000: forfeited to his Maj<sup>ty</sup> to be presented in w<sup>th</sup> George Jefferies another Scotchman was principally concernd All w<sup>th</sup> together w<sup>th</sup> this Dep<sup>t</sup>: declaring that their Law about Trade lately made in that Province was directly opposite to the Cheif clauses in the Act for preventing frauds, &c. and by that Act was made void, were (as this Dep<sup>t</sup>: beleiueth) the cheif grounds of the said Robinsons rude and undecent behaviour towards him who ought to be secure, and alwaies protected by that & other acts of Parliament from all Affronts and violence

July 29. This Dep<sup>t</sup>: further maketh Oath that being at M<sup>r</sup> Markham's house the next day (where 2 of his Quaker Councill, and the Sec<sup>ry</sup>: were mett) he proposed the necessity of M<sup>r</sup> Markham's Appointing an Atturney Gener<sup>l</sup> to prosecute plantacon bonds, forfeited to his Maj<sup>ty</sup>, he replied

he knew none in the Province fitt to be trusted with them, and demanded these bonds w<sup>th</sup> by his own order were delivered to this Dep<sup>t</sup> (then in Coll<sup>l</sup> Quarrys <sup>462</sup> Custody) to be delivered to him.

This Depo<sup>t</sup> further saith, that after he and other Commiff<sup>rs</sup> had administred the Oath to M<sup>r</sup> Markham the Gouvern<sup>r</sup> on the 17 March 1697 he left the Commis<sup>o</sup> w<sup>th</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Robinson the Sec<sup>ry</sup>: in the Presence of Jasper Yeates & Richard Holliwell Esq<sup>r</sup>: two of the Commis<sup>rs</sup> to be recorded and afterwards to be delivered to M<sup>r</sup> Jasper Yeates, (as appears by a Copy of M<sup>r</sup> Holliwells paper N<sup>o</sup> 2) but this Dep<sup>t</sup> finding the Commis<sup>o</sup> still in the hands of the Sec<sup>ry</sup>:, desir<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Markham that it might be placed in the Custody of Coll<sup>l</sup> Robert Quarry another of the Commis<sup>rs</sup> and an Inhabitant in Town, but M<sup>r</sup> Markham & his two Councillors told this Dep<sup>t</sup> it should remaine w<sup>th</sup> the Sec<sup>ry</sup>: The 30<sup>th</sup> of Iuly (the Day this Dep<sup>t</sup> was going from Phyladelphia to N. York) he sent M<sup>r</sup> Markham a Letter, of w<sup>th</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 3 is a Copy who upon receipt thereof sent for this Dep<sup>t</sup> and placing a Constable w<sup>th</sup> his staff at the Door, imprisoned him in his house for questioning whether he was allow'd and approved of by his Maj<sup>ty</sup> orders in Councill, to be the Gouvern<sup>r</sup> of that Province, and also required this Dep<sup>t</sup> to deliver up to him Stephen Blackleaches <sup>463</sup> forfeited Planta<sup>con</sup> bond, which with Clarks Bond were by his own order to the Sec<sup>ry</sup>: given to this Dep<sup>t</sup>

<sup>462</sup> This is the first mention in this correspondence of Robert Quarry, an active officer who had been Secretary of South Carolina, where he was succeeded by Paul Grimball, for whom see *post*, Letter CLXII. He had himself

been accused of harbouring pirates (*Calendar of State Papers, America and West Indies*, 1687, no. 1165).

<sup>463</sup> For Blackleach, see *supra*, Vol. V. p. 285.

Dep<sup>t</sup> to proceed against John De Plovy, Blackleaches security, who was arested, and so was Clark by this Deponents order but noe further Prosecution had thereupon for want of an Atturney Generall This Dep<sup>t</sup> being unwilling to be stopt in regard the Fowy friggott was ready at New York, to transport him to Bermudes, sent to Coll<sup>l</sup> Quarry to bring those Bonds with him to M<sup>r</sup> Markham's house, who was Impatient till this Dep<sup>t</sup> had deliverd him Blackleaches bond, but he refused to take W<sup>m</sup> Clarks Bond of £500: late Collect<sup>r</sup> of the Customes in Pensilvania, forfeited for not paying £370: due upon Acco<sup>o</sup> under his hand to his Maj<sup>ty</sup> w<sup>ch</sup> this Dep<sup>t</sup> left w<sup>ch</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Bewly the Collect<sup>r</sup> of the Customes in Phyladelphia to be prosecuted when his Maj<sup>ty</sup> can haue Iustice done him in the Courts in that Province

ED. RANDOLPH S: G:

New York 8 Aug<sup>t</sup> 1698  
Iuratt Coram me  
W<sup>m</sup> Merrett . Mayor.

[*Endorsed*] Deposition  
Ed: Randolph  
N<sup>o</sup> 3:  
N York: 8 Aug: 98  
R<sup>d</sup> 18 Nov

A. Being about two years agoe ordred by the Committee of the house of Lords Spirituall & Temporall to giue their Lords<sup>ps</sup> an Account of the severall Governments, and their Ministers upon the Continent of America, I did in Answer thereunto inform their Lordsp<sup>s</sup> that M<sup>r</sup> Penn was Proprietary of the Province of Pensilvania, M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Markham Deputy Govern<sup>r</sup>

Govern<sup>r</sup> and M<sup>r</sup> Patrick Robinson Sec<sup>ry</sup>: a Scotchman without any Personal reflection upon him or the Govern<sup>mt</sup>: in so writing.

ED RANDOLPH

Phyladelphia, July 28 - 1698 —

B. Memorandum, That the Commiff<sup>o</sup> for adminiftring the Oath to the Govern<sup>r</sup>. after the Oath was adminiftered, was deliverd by Edward Randolph Efq<sup>r</sup> to M<sup>r</sup> Patrick Robinson to be Recorded and afterwards to be deliverd to M<sup>r</sup> Iasper Yeates.

RICHARD HALLIWELL

Phyladelphia Iuly  $\frac{28}{1698}$

C.

S<sup>r</sup>/

Phyladelphia Iuly 30 1698 —

Some time fince I left Blackleaches, and Clarks Bonds w<sup>th</sup> Coll<sup>r</sup> Quarry and haue his receipt for them, he is ready to produce them, when he finds an Atturney Generall appointed by you to profecute them to Effect, or foner will put them into your hands, *when you are by his Maj<sup>ty</sup> order in Councill approved and allowed off, to be the Govern<sup>r</sup> of this Province*, as by the a<sup>ct</sup> for preventing ffrauds in the Planta<sup>co</sup>n trade is Enacted, and not till then.

I defire when those Bonds are profecuted, that the Bond of the Mafter of Guftavus Hamilton's vefsell who loaded Tobacco in your Gouvern<sup>mt</sup>: about 2 or 3 years agoe, may be likewise profecuted, I fhall not forgett a Copy of the Iudgment upon D, Harts Bond, I am

Y<sup>r</sup> Hum<sup>l</sup> : Serv<sup>t</sup>:

ED RANDOLPH :

To

To M<sup>r</sup> Markham  
Liev<sup>t</sup> Govern<sup>r</sup> of the Province  
Pensilvania

CLIX.

RANDOLPH TO BLATHWAYT ON THE PROPRIETARY  
GOVERNMENTS.

*Collection of the Rev. W. T. Blathwayt.*

Hon S<sup>r</sup>

New York 25<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>t</sup> 1698

The following discourse shews as followes,

M<sup>r</sup> Penns Deputy Govern<sup>r</sup> not Approved by His Maj<sup>ty</sup> Order  
in Councill.

Neither when he rec<sup>d</sup> his Commiſſion to be Liev<sup>t</sup> Govern<sup>r</sup> in  
May laſt

Scotchmen frequent Pensilvania more then Ordinary, One  
made Navall Officer by M<sup>r</sup> Markham

Scotchmen are continued in places of Truſt in Pensilvania  
Govern<sup>r</sup> in the Proprietys, haue taken the Oaths not in  
Obedience to the acts of Parliament but to ſaue the forfeit-  
ure of £1000: ſter<sup>l</sup>

Law made in Pensilvania in Opoſition to the Act for pre-  
venting Frauds

M<sup>r</sup> Markham illtreatment to me, for enquiring whether he  
had his Maj<sup>ty</sup> Approbation by Order in Councill

Inhabitants of Eaſt and Weſt new Jerſeys, refuting M<sup>r</sup>  
Baffe to be their Govern<sup>r</sup>

Perſons not capable, If to be Approved of by His Maj<sup>ty</sup>  
Order



Order in Councill wold not be made Govern<sup>r</sup> of the Proprietys

French Gouvernm<sup>t</sup> summons the 5 Nations to submitt to the Crown of France in 40 dayes, and threatens to ruin them upon refusall

Upon notice the L<sup>d</sup> Bellomont sent soldiers, for the Releif, a greater Number of Soldiers required to defend Virginia & Maryland

If the Inhabitants are put of ffrom Planting the Crown will loofe £3 or £400000 ster<sup>l</sup>: yearly upon the Dutyes of Tobacco

Haueing mett with severall disapointments to transport me to Carolina besides the Loffe of the Swift Frygott, I am now going to Carolina, and from thence to the Bahama Islands, and haueing toucht att Bermudes intend for Virginia & Mary-land

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It was with great difficulty that the Act for preventing Frauds and regulateing abuses in the Plantacon Trade,<sup>404</sup> was obtaind: One principall end thereof was to bring the Govern<sup>t</sup> of the Proprietys to a dependance on the Crown: by their Govern<sup>t</sup> being first allowed and approved of by His Maj<sup>ty</sup> Order in Councill to be such, before entring upon their Respective Govern<sup>t</sup>. But M<sup>r</sup> Penn in contempt of that act has not recomended His Deputy Govern<sup>r</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Markham for His Maj<sup>ty</sup> Approbacon:

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<sup>404</sup> This is the Act Will. III. 7 and 8, Cap. 22, entitled an Act for Preventing Frauds and Regulating Abuses in the Plantation Trade. Randolph had had a good deal to do with its shaping, if not with its inception. See the *Introduction*.

I was advized by a Lett<sup>r</sup> from Coll<sup>r</sup> Quarry, Judge of the Court of Admiralty in Pensilvania that (notwithstanding a New Law made by the Assembly in May last, of w<sup>th</sup> the Inclosed is a Copy,<sup>466</sup> wherein amongst other things they Utterly damn the Court of Admiralty) he was resolved to hold a Court for Tryall of the seizure of a sloop and her loding from N: York: That M<sup>r</sup> Penn had made his Kinsman M<sup>r</sup> Markham His Liev<sup>t</sup> Govern<sup>r</sup> of the Province to giue a greater Reputacōn to his Governm<sup>t</sup> But had not sent him his Maj<sup>ty</sup> Order in Councill for his approbation: neither had he the Oath upon changing the title from Dep<sup>t</sup> to Liev<sup>t</sup> Gouvern<sup>r</sup> legally administred to him whereupon I thought it for His Maj<sup>ty</sup> service to hasten thither to informe myself more perticularly of those Matters

I arrived the 22 July past att Phyladelphia where three of the officers of the admiralty were wanting, and advized w<sup>th</sup> Coll<sup>r</sup> Quarry to write to Govern<sup>r</sup> Nicholson to appoint others to succeed them M<sup>r</sup> Markham upon his being made Liev<sup>t</sup> Govern<sup>r</sup> gott three of His Councill, and the Collector of the Customes to giue him the Oath privately altho by the Commis<sup>s</sup> he was to be sworn by a Quoram of the persons therein nominated: They were all but One in Town he that was absent was ready to do it, if he had had notice, haueing that time rec<sup>d</sup> a Letter from M<sup>r</sup> Markham but not one word of that businese in it

I neuer observed so many Scotch M<sup>r</sup>chants in Pensilvania as this year, and as I am informd in Virginia & Maryland  
also,

<sup>466</sup> Randolph had already sent a copy V. p. 177, under date of 26th April, of the law alluded to. See *supra*, Vol. 1698.

also, they are very much elevated, and support themselves upon the Opinion of the Attur : & Soll: Gener<sup>n</sup> upon the proviso in the Act for preventing frauds &c relating to Scotchmen <sup>466</sup>

You may please to remember that upon the first notice of the Scotch act for Erecting an East India Comp<sup>y</sup> in the kingdom of Scotland, The Parliament foreseeing the Mischiefs thereby arising to the Trade of England, was mightily alarm'd att it, And voted that all the Members of that Comp<sup>y</sup> were guilty of High Misdemean<sup>r</sup> <sup>467</sup> And also did (or intend to) address his Maj<sup>ty</sup> to know who were the persons that Advized him to the passing that pernicious act

Now I have since my being in Phyladelphia great reason to believe that M<sup>r</sup> Penn was acquainted with it. For I find Jn<sup>o</sup> Donaldson a Scotchman now Appointed by M<sup>r</sup> Markham the Navall Officer and continued the Maj<sup>r</sup> of the Forces att Newcastle, And Patrick Robinson another Scotchman the Sec<sup>ry</sup>: continued in his Office altho M<sup>r</sup> Penn did most solemnly protest to me soon after I had represented to the House of Lords, amongst other things, that Patrick Robinson the Sec<sup>ry</sup>: was a Scotchman, &c; That neither he nor any other Scotchman should hold any place of trust or Proffit in the Province, <sup>468</sup>

It is to be observed that the present Govern<sup>r</sup> in the Proprietys haue taken the Oaths enjoyned by the Act for preventing

<sup>466</sup> This is clause IX, which begins: "whereas great frauds have been committed by Scotchmen and others (by false and counterfeit certificates)."

<sup>467</sup> *Manuscripts of the House of Lords*, Vol. II. pp. 3-62.

<sup>468</sup> *Ibid.* p. 442. Penn's reply (pp. 455-456) does not bear out Randolph's statement as to the dismissal of Scotchmen, though he certainly does say that if the King pleased, Markham should be removed.

preventing Frauds to be administred to all Govern<sup>rs</sup> &c. Altho not in Obedience to an Act of Parliament, but to avoid the paym<sup>t</sup> of £1000 : ster<sup>d</sup>. forfeited by that act upon their neglect or refusall,<sup>409</sup> But in other Matters relateing to the Acts of Trade, or Propriet<sup>rs</sup> Govern<sup>rs</sup> where no penalties are by Law inflicted on them for NonObservance, They looke on themselues not obliged to take notice of them, As that of Obtaining his Maj<sup>ty</sup> Order in Councill, allowing and approving of them to be Govern<sup>rs</sup>, Which because all those Govern<sup>rs</sup> haue refused to do, Yett are entred upon their Respective Governm<sup>ts</sup> and presume to Exercise all the Powers and Trusts reposed by the severall Acts of Trade in His Maj<sup>ty</sup> Gouvern<sup>rs</sup> to be done by them Onely in the Plantacons I haue therefore humbly enclose a Copy of Queries sent to my Mast<sup>rs</sup> at the Custom house, praying they may be refird to M<sup>r</sup> Attur: and Soll<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> to report there Opinion thereupon : Now if it appears they are not Govern<sup>rs</sup> legally qualified, Nor the Persons intended to be intrusted in putting the Acts of Trade in Execution, so farr as appertaines to his Maj<sup>ty</sup> Gouvern<sup>rs</sup> and Commanders in Cheif respectively, Then I humbly propose it necessary for His Maj<sup>ty</sup> service, and for the suppressing the Scotch and Other Illegall trade, that an act be passed the next session of Parliam<sup>t</sup> to annex all the Proprietys to the Crown so farr as concerns Governm<sup>t</sup> and trade, reserving . alwaies the Right, Interest and Property in the soyle to the Owners, & Propriet<sup>rs</sup> thereof, Otherwise tis impossible for the Govern<sup>rs</sup> & officers in His Maj<sup>ty</sup> Plantacons to haue the Acts of Trade & Naviga<sup>con</sup> duely observed  
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<sup>409</sup> Clause III, of the Act.

in their Govern<sup>ts</sup> and districts, w<sup>ch</sup> is a farr greater Favour then was granted to Virginia & Barbados, for they lost Govern<sup>ts</sup> and soyle too : and in the mean time that those Govern<sup>ts</sup> be commanded upon their perill to do no act of Govern<sup>ts</sup> and also that M<sup>r</sup> Markham be directed forthwith to pay all such summs of mony due to His Majesty and others w<sup>ch</sup> he illegally and unjustly detaines

I inclose likewise N<sup>o</sup> 2 a Copy of their New Law made in Oposition to the Principall clauses in the act for preventing Frauds, entituled an act for preventing Frauds and Regulating abuses in the Province of Pensilvania &c.

In their second Law they encourage Illegal Trade

In the fourth they giue themselves a generall dispensation for not takeing the Oaths enjoyned by the severall acts of Trade

In the fifth they att once damn the Court of Admiralty erected in that Province

As also N<sup>o</sup> 3 w<sup>ch</sup> is a Copy of my Deposition sent to the Custome house shewing the illtreatment I mett w<sup>ch</sup> in Pensilvania from M<sup>r</sup> Markham for Enquiring whether he was approved of by His Maj<sup>ty</sup> Order in Councill, and what the Officers of His Maj<sup>ty</sup> Customes must expect in the Proprietys, where tis the interest of the Proprietors of the Govern<sup>ts</sup> and also of the Inhabitants to make them quitt their stations, unless they will conniue att the Irregularities in their Govern<sup>ts</sup> and att their Scotch and other Illegal trade —

The Propriet<sup>rs</sup> of the Ierseys haue commissiionated Jeremiah Basse an Annabaptist Preach<sup>r</sup> to be their Govern<sup>ts</sup> of the two Jerseys, but following M<sup>r</sup> Penns example haue not  
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gott his Maj<sup>ty</sup> Order in Councill for his approbation, In so much that the Most & best men of Estates in both Provinces will not accept of him to be their Govern<sup>r</sup>. Nor will pay any obedience to him: When Coll<sup>l</sup> Hamilton was the Govern<sup>r</sup>, he brought in severall of his Countrymen and preferd them, who with the Antikeithean Quakers are labouring w<sup>th</sup> the Expen<sup>ce</sup> of som mony, to gett him restored to be their Govern<sup>r</sup>. But the Keithean Quakers and all the Church of England men are rather for haueing a sober man sent w<sup>th</sup> His Maj<sup>ty</sup> Commis<sup>s</sup> to be their Govern<sup>r</sup>. The Country will raise him 500<sup>l</sup> a year rather then be brought under New York

Count Frontinack the French Govern<sup>r</sup>. att Canada has sent a summons to the 5 Nations of Indians, not being aboue 1100 fighting men, to submit and come under the Obedience of the King of France within 40 dayes, other-wise upon their refusall he will declare them Rebels, and March against them in Person w<sup>th</sup> an Army, and destroy them and all they haue—

On the 19 Ins<sup>t</sup> the Mayor of Albany, accompanied w<sup>th</sup> the Gener<sup>l</sup> of the 5 Nations arrived here, and acquainted the Earl of Bellomont of it, His Lords<sup>p</sup> cald a Councill, and has sent up Cap<sup>t</sup> Nanfan the Liev<sup>t</sup> Govern<sup>r</sup> w<sup>th</sup> a Comp<sup>y</sup> of men to Albany, tis hoped the 5 Nations will unanimously Joyn to oppose the French and divert their designs, otherwise if they leaue the English Interest and go to the French, Virginia, Maryland, and Pensilvania, (except M<sup>t</sup> Penn be in amity w<sup>th</sup> the French) will be Over runn, when they please to sett the Indians upon that service, w<sup>th</sup> will cost the Crown a great summ of money to recover, and protect those plantacons from like Invations for the Future

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Tis certain the Quakers made no Provision in the late warr for defence of the Province against the French, and threatned to punish those who intended to petition His Maj<sup>ty</sup> for leaue to raise men & mony for security of themselves, and the Country —

I hear the Parliam<sup>t</sup> were resolved to break the 4 Comp<sup>s</sup> at N: York, there is more reason to make them up a full Regiment, If the Inhabitants of Virginia & Maryland, are once more disturbed in their planting by which they gain but little his Maj<sup>ty</sup> will loose £3 or 400000:ft yearly in his Customes on Tobacco, besides the losse of the Trade for Beavour, and other Peltry at Albany w<sup>ch</sup> requires consideration

I am going from hence to Carolina to administer the Oath to the Govern<sup>r</sup> who as I am informd driues at all, and from thence to Providence. Cap<sup>t</sup> Webb has perplexed the People by his heavy oppressions and has thought of retireing, but knows not well where, except at Pensilvania w<sup>ch</sup> His Brother Markham

Certainly if that Clause in the act for preventing frauds directing Govern<sup>r</sup> first to be approved of by His Maj<sup>ty</sup> Order in Councill, were duely considered and Observed, W<sup>m</sup> Patridge a Millright, wold not be Liev<sup>t</sup> Gouvern<sup>r</sup> of the Province of New Hampshire, Nor John Cranston Master of a small Veffell Gouvern<sup>r</sup> of Road Island Ieremiah Basse an Annabaptist Preacher Govern<sup>r</sup> of the Provinces of the East & West New Jerseys, Nor M<sup>r</sup> Markham after so many complaints of His Arbitrary Governm<sup>t</sup> and his Open Violation of the Acts of Trade and breach of his Instructions signd by the late Lords Justices w<sup>ch</sup> he was sworn to Obserue,  
wold

would not be still continued Governour of the Province of  
Pennsylvania

My humble service to the two Young Gentlemen, and to  
Little Miss w<sup>th</sup> the returns of my humble thanks, for all  
Favours I Remain

My humble service to y<sup>r</sup>  
sister Blathwait

Y<sup>r</sup> most humile seru<sup>t</sup>  
ED. RANDOLPH

To M<sup>r</sup> Blathwait

[*Endorsed*] N York

25. Aug

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From M<sup>r</sup>

Randolph

R<sup>d</sup> 18 Nov

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Relating to

Pennsylvania

CLX.

RANDOLPH'S QUERIES AS TO PROPRIETARY GOVERNORS.

*Collection of the Rev. W. T. Blathwayt.*

Queries humbly proposed, arising upon One Clause in the  
Act made in the 7 & 8<sup>th</sup> year of His present Maj<sup>ty</sup> Reign  
Intituled An Act for preventing frauds, & regulating abuses  
in the Plantation trade, relating to Proprietors Govern<sup>rs</sup>.

Wherein It is Enacted, thatt all Persons and their assignes  
claiming any Right or Propriety, in any Islands, or Tracts  
of Land upon the Continent of America, by Charter or  
Letters



Letters Patents, shall not att any time hereafter, alien, sell or dispose of any of the said, Islands, Tracts of Land or Proprietys, other then to the Naturall born subjects of England, Ireland, Dominion of Wales or Town of Berwick upon Tweed without the Licence, and Consent of His Maj<sup>ty</sup> His Heirs & Success<sup>rs</sup> signified by His or their Order in Councill first had & Obtained, And all Govern<sup>rs</sup> Nominated, and Appointed by such Persons or Proprietors who shall be intituled to make such Nomination, shall be allowed and approved of by His Maj<sup>ty</sup> His Heirs and Success<sup>rs</sup> as aforesaid; And shall take the Oaths Enjoyed by this or any other act to be taken by the Govern<sup>rs</sup> or Commanders in Cheif in any other His Maj<sup>ty</sup> Colonies & Plantacon<sup>s</sup> before their Enttring upon their Respective Governm<sup>ts</sup> under the like Penalties, His Maj<sup>ty</sup> Govern<sup>rs</sup> and Commanders in Cheif are by the said Acts Liable to

1: Whether any Person nominated and appointed by the Propriet<sup>rs</sup> not being first allowed of by His Maj<sup>ty</sup> Order in Councill to be the Govern<sup>r</sup> in their Propriety haue any Right or Power to put in Execution any of the Matters and things required by the Acts of Trade to be Observed and done by the Govern<sup>r</sup> appointed by his Maj<sup>ty</sup> Commiff<sup>r</sup> in the Plantacons, under His Maj<sup>ty</sup> immediate Authority viz<sup>t</sup>

To demand and receiue of any Master of a Vessell ariving in their Propriety a true and perfect Inventory or Invoice, of Her Loding, and the place where the said goods were loden; under the pain and Losse of the Ship or Vessell, upon the Masters neglect thereof

Or have power to Appoint a Navall Officer to take Plantacon Bonds or

2 Whether a Proprietors Govern<sup>t</sup> haueing taken the Oath as by the act of 15 : Car : 2 Entituled an act for the Encouragem<sup>t</sup> of Trade, as also by the act for preventing ffrauds is Enacted &c. being found after takeing such Oath, Wittingly and Willingly to haue Offended contrary to what is by the said act required of them, shall for such Offence be turned out of His Governm<sup>t</sup> and forfeit the summ of £1000: Lawfull mony of England

3 Whether such Govern<sup>t</sup> have Right by the Acts of Trade, to haue and receiue One third part of all Veffells, and their Loading forfeited in His Governm<sup>t</sup> upon breach of any of the said Acts of Trade

4 Whether the Govern<sup>rs</sup> in the Colonies of Connecticott & Road Island being According to their Charter Annually Chosen, are not as to the acts of Trade in like Circumstances w<sup>th</sup> the Govern<sup>rs</sup> in the Proprietys :

[signed] ED RANDOLPH : S : G :

(Verte)

5. Whether Plantacon Bonds are not Imployed in the Words (all the Penalties, and forfeitures before menconed) in the Act for preventing Frauds &c, And whether Plantacon Bonds forfeited upon Breach of the Acts of Trade may not be tryd in the Court of Admiralty held in His Maj<sup>ty</sup> Plantacons if the Officer or Informer please to prosecute in that Court

[Endorfed]      Queries

## CLXI.

RANDOLPH TO BLATHWAYT ON THE AFFAIRS OF NEW YORK.

*Collection of the Rev. W. T. Blathwayt.*S<sup>r</sup>

New York 12 Sept 1698.

After my tedious stay here for a passage, I am in Fiue or fix dayes makeing a tripp from hence to Carolina, to trye the temper of the Inhabitants in that Propriety, The Ierseys are now at great Variance about Governm<sup>t</sup> but the One Province differs much from the Others in Constitution yett both agree to lay aside M<sup>r</sup> Basse, who (as these alledge) was sent by the Farr smaller Number of the Proprietys to be their Govern<sup>t</sup> I am told lately that he will voluntarily make a surrender, of His Governm<sup>t</sup> to prevent their laying hold on him for Ufurpation, I leaue them to end the quarrell, Some of them are for addresssing his Maj<sup>ty</sup> that they may be united to the Gouvernm<sup>t</sup> of N York, (as tis absolutely necessary Connecticut also ought to be,) but they stand off to see an Issue of the present heats w<sup>ch</sup> haue lately arisen amongst the Menn of Trade and businesse in this place. Since the Departure of the Late Govern<sup>t</sup>

I was in N York when S<sup>r</sup> Edmund Androfs was Govern<sup>t</sup> I observed the English & Dutch lived very quiett, & in Freindship, then the Trade was but in a few hands, Butt since Pyratts (then called Privateers) haue frequented & been Incouraged here, the Citty is greatly increased in building & become very Populous, and aboue thirty saile of Vessells belong to the Town, more then when S<sup>r</sup> Edmund Androfs was Govern<sup>r</sup> For the Merch<sup>ts</sup> haue Exceeded their bounds, and lanced out into an Extravagant and Illegall Trade,

Trade, by w<sup>ch</sup> from very low beginings they are grown rich, and now become mutinous becaue [*ſic*] the Earle of Bellomont according to his Oath, has put the Act for preventing Frauds &c. in Execution

Their Veffells & goods haue been lately feizd, & condemn'd, yett they are refolved to goe on and haue ſent 4 or 5 more to Madagaſcar & 15 to Curafaw, this ſummer, & will runn all hazards to carry on that Trade. And now following the Example of the Quakers in Penſilvania they ſett up for a Free trade, And therefore agreed to lett the whole revenue ſinck and beſoſt w<sup>ch</sup> Expires in May next, crying out we are Free born, & will not longer pay Cuſtomes to Maintaine the Governm<sup>t</sup>, whilſt Neighbouring Proprietys are not taxed but inſtead of Cuſtomes they propoſe to raiſe a ſupport for the Governm<sup>t</sup> by Taxes w<sup>ch</sup> expire at their Pleaſure

All the noiſe and Crye they make againſt the Earl of Bellomont is not againſt his Lordſps. perſon, but againſt the Act of Parliam<sup>t</sup> w<sup>ch</sup> his Lordſp. is ſworn to obſerue, And ſhould his Maj<sup>ty</sup> ſend another Govern<sup>t</sup> to morrow, carefull as his Lordſp<sup>e</sup> in relation to their trade, they would be as mutinous as they are now

Beleiue me S<sup>r</sup> I am a tranſcient Perſon, and Eſpouſe no Party haue no more Interſt to driue here, then in Penſilvania Or in any of the Other Proprietys: Tis true we haue Peace in Europe, but how long we may Enjoy it w<sup>ch</sup> our French Neighbours God Onely Knows.

I am very ſenſible as I haue lately wrote home, of the ruin w<sup>ch</sup> will inevitably fall upon the poor helples (Inhabitants) Planters in Maryland & Virginia who if but Once more put off from Planting (now Tobacco pays 6<sup>d</sup> Duty

upon

upon Every pound carryed to England, will never be brought to that slavery againe) None better knows then yourself what great losse the Revenue will sustaine, if the Customes in N York should sinck.

And now haueing thus farr discourfed the Publick giue me leaue to tell you, that your Yearly salary ariseing upon the standing Revenue of this Province, will be lost also, if the Custome house be pulled down as it has been in my hearing lately threatned, I goe thither sometimes to take notice of the Entryes, you may see what improuement is made by diligent officers by the inclosed quarterly receipt

I know some Merch<sup>ts</sup> in N: York, haue lately bought lotts at Amboy to build upon in hopes they may gett that made a Port of Entering and cleering, and to haue no dependance or rela<sup>ti</sup>on to N York: S<sup>t</sup> please to consider the present Circumstances of Affaires, in these Parts of the World, it appears by a Vowed Practice of the Prop<sup>ts</sup> at home in sending out Govern<sup>rs</sup> to their Proprietys not first allowed of by His Maj<sup>ty</sup> Order in Councill, That They care not for an act of Parliament, all aiming at Liberty in Trade, & will not be Obstru<sup>ct</sup>ed by Law:

The Proprietyes Lay intermixt w<sup>th</sup> his Maj<sup>ty</sup> Planta<sup>co</sup>ns, tis not long since Connecticutt raised men to oppose Coll<sup>l</sup> Fletcher (haueing her Maj<sup>ty</sup> Commis<sup>s</sup> to be the Govern<sup>r</sup>) w<sup>th</sup> a Force, and will doe the same to the Earl of Bellomont tomorrow if his Lords<sup>h</sup> went on that design, They regard not the Persons of their Govern<sup>rs</sup> but will Value those Onely, and will stand by them, Who like M<sup>t</sup> Penns Govern<sup>r</sup> will runn all adventures to support & encourage them in their Illegall Trade, & share in the Proffitt

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Now if York should gett to a head Their Brethren in N : England will Ioyn w<sup>th</sup> them, and Virginia & Maryland, tho they haue not shipping will Freight upon Veffells to any merkett where they can sell their Tobacco, paying but little or no Custome

I am now (as I haue wrote) leaueing this Country God onely knows whether I shall return, What I haue here offered is onely for the advantage of the Crown, and the true happineffe of those Plantacons

As for Pensilvania M<sup>r</sup> Penn takes care for them, he has a Thopaced Govern<sup>r</sup> and has sent over nigh 400 men & women this summer to increase the new settlements in his Province of w<sup>ch</sup> are 100 Dutchmen, They are called Quakers, As many of the French were called Refugees, I hear of noe Armes, nor that M<sup>r</sup> Penn has a sword, but he not long since wrote me in his Letter that he must thro away his scabbard —

I humbly intreat Your Pardon for this Trouble, tis not Letters nor Laws will bring these Levellers to Obedience, till they are severely managed w<sup>th</sup> a streight Reine, The Time is now, And the Methods are to be speedily sent from home, Otherwise the Damages will not be repaired but by Extraordinary charge

I remain in all duty .

Y<sup>r</sup> Lordsh<sup>ps</sup> most humble ser<sup>ts</sup>

ED RANDOLPH : .

[*Endorsed*] N York :

12 Sept : 1698

From M<sup>r</sup> Randolph

R<sup>d</sup> 19 Nov. 98

M<sup>r</sup> Blathwayt.

## CLXII.

## RANDOLPH'S ARTICLES AGAINST THE GOVERNOR OF SAINT AUGUSTINE.

Articles against Don Laurence Deloris Y Aijalea,  
(aged about 50) Govern<sup>r</sup> of the Town & Castle of S<sup>t</sup>  
Augustines belonging to y<sup>e</sup> Spanjards

1 That in August 1686 a hundred Spanjards, Indians & Negroes, came from S<sup>t</sup> Augustines in three Pereagoes, And by Virtue of a Commisscon from the said Govern<sup>r</sup>, (in time of Peace between the Crown of England & Spain,) entred upon & Invaded the Lands & Territoryes of his Most Sacred Maj<sup>ty</sup> King William the third, lying within the southern Bounds of the Province of South Carolina<sup>470</sup>

2 That they destroyed a great Settlement at Port Royall made by the Lord Cardros, & Cap<sup>t</sup> Hamilton, & other Scotch Gent: & forced them to fly for their Lives

3 That in the same Month they landed at Edisto<sup>e</sup> Island, & broak Open the dwelling house of M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Mourton<sup>471</sup> then Govern<sup>r</sup> of the said Provinces, and robbed him of his money & plate during his being at Charles Town, & Forceably carried away M<sup>r</sup> Edward Bowell his Bro: in law, and 13 slaves with them & all their Plunder, worth above £1500: to S<sup>t</sup> Augustine

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<sup>470</sup> There is an allusion to this raid in a letter of the Proprietors to James Colleton, their Governor, who was appointed on 30th August, 1686, just after the affair (*Calendar of State Papers, America and West Indies*, 1687, no. 1457).

<sup>471</sup> Joseph Moreton was apparently superseded by Colleton, who was directed by the Proprietors, on 3d March, 1687, to arrest Moreton on the charge of harbouring pirates.

4 That in the said Month of August in a hostile manner they broake Open the dwelling house of M<sup>r</sup> Paul Grimball Sec<sup>y</sup>: of the said Province during the time of his Attending the Govern<sup>r</sup> & Councill to Charles Town, they spoild & made havock of all the goods & household stufte in the Howse, they likewise killd & destroyd all the Cattle they could find upon the Plantation, by which he lost above £1000:—

5 That they in a hostile manner killed the said M<sup>r</sup> Bowell, and a Scotchmann who was fled from Port Royall at M<sup>r</sup> Paul Grimballs Plantation

6 That the said Govern<sup>r</sup> has refused to deliver up the 11 slaves, taken from Govern<sup>r</sup> Mourton, (tho demanded) saying they are become Christians & in the King of Spains pay, That he cannot deliver them without the King of Spains Order, That they likewise keep Andrew Ranfom an English subject a Prisoner, in their ffoort, he has been there Eleven years —, but represented home by None of them  
Charles town in Carolina

ED RANDOLPH :

March: 19<sup>th</sup> 1698

[*Endorsed*] Articles ag<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Spannish Gon<sup>r</sup>  
at S<sup>t</sup> Augustine

CLXIII.

RANDOLPH TO SAVAGE ON HIS ARRIVAL IN BERMUDA.

*Board of Trade, Bermuda, Vol. III.*

S<sup>r</sup>:

Bermuda April 5<sup>th</sup> 1699.

This is by an unexpected Opportunity meeting here with  
Captain Briscoe Comander of the Sun frigott French Prize



I find by M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Trott the Collector that hee Imported (as a present from S<sup>r</sup> Christophers made to him) Seaven hh<sup>ds</sup> of Muscavado Sugar into this Government, his Excellency Coll Day<sup>473</sup> the Governor bought itt on purpose to Supply Capt<sup>m</sup> Briscoes present Occasions, being a Stranger upon the Place, the Captaine alledges that 'tis Customary for Comanders of his Majesties Shippes of Warr to have an allowance of Two Tuns dutys, I am unwilling to bee Judge in this matter I think if to any, Very properly to Captaine Briscoe Comeing into this port where Every thing is Sold att Excessive prizes S<sup>r</sup> I recomend him to your favorable assistance, his Excellency the Governor desires mee to give you his humble Service please to Accept the Same from S<sup>r</sup>

Yo<sup>r</sup> Oblidged humble Serv<sup>t</sup>

EDW<sup>d</sup> RANDOLPH

[*Addressed*] Directed to M<sup>r</sup> Salvage  
of the Custom house  
London

Exam<sup>d</sup>.p Charles Minors  
Secretary  
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<sup>473</sup> Samuel Day, son of Sir Thomas Day, was appointed Governor of the Bermudas on 7th August, 1697, chiefly, it would appear, through the interest of Lord Stamford (*Calendar of State Papers, America and West Indies*, 1697, nos. 1151, 1227). According to Randolph he had been an unsuccessful linen-draper.

CLXIV.

RANDOLPH TO BLATHWAYT CONCERNING CAROLINA.

*Collection of the Rev. W. T. Blathwayt.*

about Mines : & frauds with Gon<sup>r</sup> of Carolina

HON<sup>d</sup> S<sup>r</sup>

Bermuda . April 8<sup>th</sup> 1699.

Before I came from Carolina I wrote you<sup>473</sup> by the ship Carolina Merc<sup>t</sup> of Bristoll Thomas Scretch M<sup>r</sup> That One Cutler was lately arrived there from London : & made it a secret, that he & One Green were employed by the Earles of Pembroke & Bridgewater & y<sup>r</sup> selfe to find out a silver Mine in that province, w<sup>ch</sup> Edw<sup>d</sup> Loughton & One Maybanks (house carpenters living both in Charles town) had promised to discover to them . being at the Savanar town belonging to the Indians about 120 miles west from Charles Town & that they had received 200<sup>l</sup> a peece to defray their expences.

I wrote then a letter to y<sup>e</sup> Earl of Bridgewater & inclosed a copy of a letter sent me by Cap<sup>t</sup> James Moore about Mines (he is one of the Councill & secry of the province) wherein he writes me that he discovered silver Mines 7 or 8 yeares about 600 miles West southerly from Charles town Proposing That he will at his own charg work vpon One of them till he brings it to perfection : provided, he may be fully assured that the Lords proprietors shall not take from him their three parts out of all the silver Oare he shall

<sup>473</sup> This letter seems to be lost, but *supra*, Vol. V. p. 200. that to Lord Bridgewater is printed

shall gett at his own cofts & labour : otherwife he will lye ftill.<sup>474</sup>

M<sup>r</sup> Amey & Mr Thornbury<sup>475</sup> (formerly petty Agents or fuch like to the Lords proprietors) are now become fuch themfelues & M<sup>r</sup> Blake not long ago very low, is now the Greateft Indian Trader in the province vpon his purchafing a proprietary fhip of M<sup>r</sup> Archdale . & is the Gon<sup>l</sup> for the common Good of themfelues, This Trivmvirate carry on carry on [*ſic*] the Gom<sup>l</sup> & the Indian Trade together . for one muft fupport the other . elfe both are ruind'. but the Inhabitants & the Country are preferved from Ruine thereby if it continues long in fuch hands, They fhare the profit in confideration the Burthen of the Gom<sup>l</sup> lyes vpon them. Tis true the E : of Bathe has the Honour to be the Lord Palatine . the Lord Craven & y<sup>e</sup> other noble Lords are not much further concerned', then to keep their Number of 5 full : as to their Rents, etc : care is taken they fhall haue but a very fmall dividend. the Grandure of their Gom<sup>l</sup> abroad muft be now fupported, & their falaryes paid to their Great Officers . viz : M<sup>r</sup> Bohan Cheife Juftice in the Courts of Kings Bench Common pleas Exchecquer & Chancery (if he will hold fo many courts : M<sup>r</sup> Ely fon in law to M<sup>r</sup> Amey receiver of their Revennue . & Edw<sup>d</sup> Bettruger lately a M<sup>r</sup> of a veffell : and a Lords Deputy . a furvey<sup>r</sup> gen<sup>l</sup> of all their Lands etc :

The Lords are pleaſed to appeare when M<sup>r</sup> Amey or Thornbury fay tis neceffary to countenance & vphold their Gom<sup>l</sup>

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<sup>474</sup> For this proviſion, ſee *ſupra*. William Thornburgh was Secretary to Vol. II. note 335. the Proprietors. For Joſeph Blake, ſee

<sup>475</sup> Thomas Amy was a Proprietor ; *ſupra*, Vol. V. p. 193, etc.

& defend their Rights . but the meaning is . to connue at the Arbitrary & vnjust practices in their Gom<sup>t</sup> which their Lord<sup>sh<sup>ps</sup></sup> are never truely informd of by them.

But I think no notice is taken at home of those proprieties, they are exempts, if his Ma<sup>ty</sup> will please to allow the Parlm<sup>t</sup> to annex them to the Crown he will be the Richest prince in Europe . by the Industry of his subjects. till that be done . his Ma<sup>ties</sup> Authority & his laws signify nothing in those Priveleged places

I humbly inclose some papers shewing the vnjust & abominable proceedings of the present Gon<sup>t</sup> in Carolina.<sup>476</sup> Tis matter of fact & as easily proved as written . which I am able to do . if I am directed to take depositions before the Judge. tis absolutely necessary to convince the world the great mischeifes which will arise to Eng<sup>d</sup> by permitting these little Commonwealth Gom<sup>ts</sup> to continue distinct from the Crown:

All which is humbly submitted

by y<sup>r</sup>

ED RANDOLPH

[*Endorsed*]

Bermuda 3 Ap<sup>r</sup> 99

To the Right Hon<sup>ble</sup>

M<sup>r</sup> Blathwayt :

From M<sup>r</sup> Randolph

R<sup>d</sup> 18 May 99.

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<sup>476</sup> For Archdale's evil deeds, see *supra*, Vol. V. p. 155.

## CLXV.

## RANDOLPH TO VERNON ON SPANISH AGGRESSION.

*Collection of the Rev. W. T. Blathwayt.*Bermuda April. 10<sup>th</sup> 1699.May it Please Your Hon<sup>r</sup>:

I left Carrolina the 27<sup>th</sup> of March past and landed here the 4<sup>th</sup> Inf<sup>y</sup>; whilst I was there, I desired Cap<sup>t</sup> Risbee,<sup>477</sup> who lives in Charles Towne, to give me an Account of the Scituation of S<sup>t</sup> August<sup>a</sup>, being well acquainted and has been often sent thither by the Government of Carrolina upon Publicque Buusiness, sometimes to demand Runn away Slaves which are entertained in Pay by the Governour at the Castle: some English men are still there Kept, He gave me a Rough draught and a short Description of the Place; I sent a Coppy of it to the R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Lords Commiff<sup>rs</sup> for Trade: I have here employed a Person better skilled to make one, w<sup>ch</sup> I humbly present your Hon<sup>r</sup>:<sup>478</sup>

The Inhabitants of Carrolina, hearing the French have possessed themselves of S<sup>t</sup> Domingo In time of Peace and that they have sent Shippes into the Bay of Mexico to make a Settlement at Mischafipi, are apprehensive, that under that pretence, they will take S<sup>t</sup> August<sup>a</sup>; which they may do with

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<sup>477</sup> There were several persons of this name, but this seems to be James Risby, a Jamaican, who, after being employed by Sir Thomas Lynch in the King's service (*Calendar of State Papers, America and West Indies*, 1683, no. 1261), appears as a private (*Calendar*

*of State Papers, America and West Indies*, 1696, p. 263), and is mentioned as an accomplice of Read Elding by Randolph, *post*, CLXXXIV.

<sup>478</sup> No. CLXVII., referred to presently as No. 2.

a 100 Men, the Garrison being in no Condition to defend it: And if so, they will so bee Masters of Carrolina (S<sup>t</sup> August<sup>a</sup> being not above Seventy-five Leagues from Charles Towne, For the Spaniards have long agoe and do still claime all the Southerne part of that Province to Ashly River, & in Prosecution of their Claime, the Governour of S<sup>t</sup> August<sup>a</sup> in August 1686 : sent a 100 Spaniards, Indians & Negroes to drive the English off their Lands : They Plundred their Houses and Destroyed all their Cattle and Stock they could finde upon their Plantations as farr as Edisto Island (within Forty Miles of Charles Towne) where they Killed the Governours Brother in Law and another Man (as by the enclosed doth appeare N<sup>o</sup> 1 : <sup>479</sup>) I formed it into Articles & because they contained matter of State (Tho' generally knowne in Carrolina to be true) I desired the Government to have them Atested under the Seale of the Province, They told me they had formerly represented it Home, but it was to no Purpose, and they did nothing in it, They were all engaged in other Busyness.

M<sup>r</sup> Blake (nigh Three Yeares Governour) is the greatest Indian Trader in the Province, but that does not consist w<sup>th</sup> the well being of the Inhabitants. They are very sensible of the Mischeife they receive thereby, They have complained but no Redress. The Rest of the Government (all of them Lords Propriators Deputys) are Indian Traders or Planters, not disposed nor capable to Promote the common Good of the Province : as to the Lords propriators who are principally concerned, their Lordshps<sup>t</sup> have not sent them  
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<sup>479</sup> The paper is given *supra*, as No. CLXII., under its proper date.

one pound of Powder or Lead, to defend themselves all the time of the late Warr with France. Their Government was Extreame negligent (being in Charles Towne) to Suffer an Ensign and Six Spanish Soldiers to Walke about Towne four or five Dayes and Discourse w<sup>th</sup> whome they pleased w<sup>th</sup>out a Guard, which Cap<sup>t</sup> Mann Master of the Shipp Edward and Francis of London, now gone Home, did alsoe see. They were sent by the Governour of S<sup>t</sup> August<sup>a</sup> to Convoy a Master of a Sloop belonging to Virginia and five of his Company cast away upon the Coast of Florida in 28 : 20 to Charles Towne, where they Arrived the 21<sup>st</sup> of March past, Whereas when the English are sent upon Bufiness thither, a Guard is Order'd to Attend them whilst they Stay. Some of the Cheife Inhabitants seeing so little care taken of the Country told me at parting, that they would Desert the Province and remove with their ffamilies to the West Indies from whence a great many of them came, Saying that altho' some amongst them flattered themselves upon the Peace w<sup>th</sup> France, Yet upon the Death of the King of Spaine (or sooner when they pleased) the French would gett August<sup>a</sup> by Surprize or Treachery: The enclosed N<sup>o</sup>. 2 . Shews their weake Condition at present. S<sup>t</sup> August<sup>a</sup> is a place of great Import to our English Navigation, from New England the other Northerne Plantations on the continent of America, Tradeing too and from his Maj<sup>ty</sup> Islands in the West Indies ; it lyes commodiously to releive distressed Vessells coming out of the Bay of Mexico bound to the N<sup>o</sup>. ward, as alsoe such as goe from England to Virginia &c<sup>t</sup> being driven by their Port by North West Winds and forced to Beare up for Berbadoes or Providence, if they cannot gett into Carrolina ; which is

a Barred Harbour and many Vessels lost in the Attempt: But, whatever Necessities Vessels are put to (as matters are now at S<sup>t</sup> August<sup>n</sup>) I heare none have gott thither: Not long agoe a New Yorke Man went to the Harbour his Vessel was made a prize upon Suspition he came to Trade: besides, they are very Jealous y<sup>t</sup> every one that comes there, has a Designe to Surprize them. Cap<sup>t</sup> Risbee told me that if he had his Maj<sup>ty</sup> Comission he would take it with a Hundred Men and Keep it if he were releived w<sup>th</sup> Men, Amunition and Proviton from Charles Towne; But, if (in time of Warr with France) S<sup>t</sup> August<sup>n</sup> bee in their hands, that Place will prove fatall to Us; for the Harbour is large and will containe a great many Shippes of Force, and lying at the Entrance of the Bay of Mexicoe, They will take all Vessels goeing out or in and Cutt of the Trade between his Majesties' Plantations on the continent and those in the West Indies, besides that Country has great Plenty of Provisions.

Now from what I have said I crave Leave Humbly to Propose, That in as much as S<sup>t</sup> August<sup>n</sup> lyes above a League within the Southerne Bounds of Carrolina Patent, and the Spaniards have made no reparation for the Damage lately done his Maj<sup>ty</sup> Subjects in Carrolina (altho' often Demanded) nor are in a Condition to Defend themselves against the French. That his Majestie will please to send to Carrolina upon the Outward bound Virginia Shippes 3 or 400 Soldiers under the Conduct of a Prudent Commander w<sup>th</sup> Power to Claime and enter upon S<sup>t</sup> August<sup>n</sup>, and Keep the Possession for Reprisalls, untill the Spaniards make full Satisfaction for the Damages &c<sup>a</sup>, Or, if that Proposall bee rejected and if it bee concluded betweene the Two Crowns  
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at Home, Those Soldiers would bee alwayes ready to Affist the Spaniards, or (which is most nescessary) to defend Carrolina from any Invasion, That being the only Fronteire against Spaniards and French. I Know the Lords Propriators will oppose sending Soldiers thither, being of S<sup>r</sup> Peter Collitons' Opinion (formerly one of them) That Nature had secured their Province (by a Bar'd Harbour against Invasion, But neither He nor any of their Lordsh<sup>ps</sup>, then Knew anything of the Inland Passage, by w<sup>ch</sup> at once a 1000 Men may goe in Periaugers w<sup>th</sup> Bagg and Baggage from Charles Towne to S<sup>r</sup> August<sup>n</sup> and not bee Stopt by the way nor discovered till they are land<sup>d</sup> and intrenched if needfull.

All which is humbly submitted  
by.

ED. RANDOLP :.

[*Addressed*] To the Hon<sup>ble</sup>  
M<sup>r</sup> Secry Vernon <sup>400</sup>  
humbly present:.

CLXVI.

RANDOLPH TO VERNON ASKING FOR A DESPATCH BOAT.

*Collection of the Rev. W. T. Blathwayt.*

Bermuda :. April : 10<sup>th</sup> 99 —

S<sup>r</sup>:

The losse of a small vessell appointed by their Lordsh<sup>ps</sup> of  
y<sup>e</sup> Admiralty to transport me from One Plantation & Island  
to

<sup>400</sup> James Vernon had been appointed Secretary of State at the end of 1697.

to another, exposes me to many difficultyes hazards & vnnecessary delayes, staying some tymes 3 or 4 months for a passage. which I haue humbly represented not long since to y<sup>e</sup> R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Lords Comm<sup>rs</sup> for trade, and That there is now as great a necessity for another vessell, as there was for that. I am going in a very small one to Providence Island & thence to Virginia if I can gett a passage. If my attendance on y<sup>r</sup> Hon<sup>r</sup> at Whitehall bee for his Ma<sup>ty</sup>s service be pleased to signify your commands to my M<sup>r</sup> at the custome house they will send their orders to me in Virginia or Maryland accordingly —

I haue wrote nothing in mine of this date But matter of fact. proposing there in onely the increase & security of his Ma<sup>ty</sup>s vast dominions in America: humbly intreating y<sup>e</sup> continuance of y<sup>r</sup> Hon<sup>r</sup>s favour I am in all duty

y<sup>r</sup> Hon<sup>r</sup>

most obliged humble seru<sup>t</sup>

ED. RANDOLPH

To the R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup>

M<sup>r</sup> Secry Vernon:—

## CLXVII.

### ACCOUNT OF THE WEAK CONDITION OF SAINT AUGUSTINE.

*Collection of the Rev. W. T. Blathwayt.*

A Brief Account of S<sup>t</sup> Augustine by ffrancis Andrews  
Mate of the Sloop Mary of Virginia att Charles Town  
in Carolina, March 23: 1699. . . .

The Barr or River of S<sup>t</sup> Augustine lyeth in the Lat: 30: 30:  
North

North The Town is very inconsiderable for Trade because the Inhabitants are all Souldiers to the Number of 150 Men & Boys Who are accoutred after an Indifferent Manner Their Musketts being Match Locks and altogether Ignorant of Martiall Discipline, They fare very ordinarily, The Cheif of their food being Indian Corne beaten and Boyled which they call Gatche but att some times they haue supply from the Appalatcha (70 odd Leagues distant to y<sup>e</sup> Westward of S<sup>t</sup> Augustine) which affords great plenty of Indian Corn Tobacco Swines flesh, Beeff & Skins There is a Garrison consisting of 30 Men or thereabouts As also severall Franciscan Fryers who officiate their Ecclesiasticall Function in the Severall Indian Towns.

There is also to the Westward a River called Panfacola which is Lately inhabited or setled by the Spaniards But to no Effect, for the Indians thereof are fled to another River to the Northwest of that, which is Reported to be setled by the English.

## CLXVIII.

RANDOLPH TO THE BOARD OF TRADE ON THE GOVERNMENT  
OF BERMUDA.

*Board of Trade, A and B Bermuda, Vol. III.*

Bermuda May y<sup>e</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> 1699

May it Please y<sup>r</sup> Lordships

Pursuant to y<sup>r</sup> Lordsh<sup>ps</sup> directions to me in M<sup>r</sup> Secre<sup>r</sup>  
Popple's lett<sup>r</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> of Apr<sup>l</sup> 1697 (to give y<sup>r</sup> Lordsh<sup>ps</sup> an  
Account

Account of whatsoever I shall judge propper for y<sup>r</sup> Lordf<sup>ts</sup> knoledge in order to his Maj<sup>ties</sup> Service in any of y<sup>e</sup> Colonys where I shall reside, or thro' which I shall pass) I humbly represented in mine of y<sup>e</sup> 16 of March<sup>481</sup> past Via Bristoll, a short acc<sup>t</sup> of ye province of Carolina, to which I humbly referr y<sup>r</sup> Lordf<sup>ts</sup>. I left Carolina y<sup>e</sup> 27 following and arriv'd here y<sup>e</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> of Apr<sup>l</sup>. I waited on Gov<sup>r</sup> Day soon after my Landing: he made a severe complaint ag<sup>t</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Trott y<sup>e</sup> p<sup>r</sup>sent Collector, of his ill manage in his Office & added that he was a man of a turbulent Spirritt, and that most of y<sup>e</sup> inhabitants were mutinous against their Gov<sup>r</sup>. he pressed me that I would turn M<sup>r</sup> Trott out of place forthwith I thought I was in Justice bound to inform my selfe what truith there was in his allegations against Trott and the cause why the Gov<sup>r</sup> successivly imprisond him,<sup>482</sup> I find that all of them being traders, they could not carry on their design for trade unless they were secure in a Navall Officer & Collector: I have as yet found no cause to suspend M<sup>r</sup> Trott, the Gov<sup>r</sup> are verry arbitrary they do it themselves or by misrepresentations of him to y<sup>e</sup> Custome house endeavour to gett him remov'd, that their owne confidents may succeed him in y<sup>e</sup> Office of Collector.

These Islands of Bermuda were from their first discovery under y<sup>e</sup> direction of a Company as Carolina, They sent them a Gov<sup>r</sup> from England: or sometimes appointed one upon y<sup>e</sup> Place: The Inhabitants finding their Gov<sup>r</sup> to exercise

<sup>481</sup> *Supra*, Vol. V. p. 193.

<sup>482</sup> The succession is Cony (the last of the Proprietary Governors), Robinson, Richier, Goddard, Day. For the

accusations against Richier, see *Preface to Calendar of State Papers, America and West Indies*, 1689-1692, p. xxv, and *Preface to 1693-1696*, p. xxviii.

exercise great severity's upon them, takeing from them their Estates without Judges or Jury represented their miserable oppression to his Maj<sup>ty</sup> King Charles y<sup>e</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> and humbly prayed to be taken under the imediate Governm<sup>t</sup> & protection of y<sup>e</sup> Crown: and upon full prooffe their Charter was Vacated his Maj<sup>ty</sup> was pleas'd to appoint S<sup>r</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Robinson<sup>488</sup> their Gov<sup>r</sup> & gave him an Hon<sup>ble</sup> Maintenance but not content tryed all ways by fea or otherwise to gett an Estate: In the first place he made his own Officers. Rich<sup>d</sup> Ashworth his Cook maid's Brother was his Navall Officer, S<sup>r</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> traded in his name and tho M<sup>r</sup> Trott was y<sup>e</sup> Collector by deputation from y<sup>e</sup> Custome House yet S<sup>r</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> turnd him out and imprisond him for his pleasure, as by y<sup>e</sup> Coppy of his Warr<sup>t</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 1 doth appear, and made Thomas Burton a stranger in the Countrey and of no Estate to be Collector, and kept M<sup>r</sup> Trott a close prisner 6 weeks saying the Com<sup>r</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> Customs have no power to appoint an Officer where y<sup>e</sup> King has sent his Gov<sup>r</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Richier succeeded him, he built a Sloop with y<sup>e</sup> Kings Timber and sould halfe to Devoreux a Scotchman and for ye grace of y<sup>e</sup> matter gave him the title of Collonell, with a Com<sup>ission</sup> to take and apprehend all Sea rovers and Pirates &c. I found by y<sup>e</sup> Collectors books in Maryland y<sup>e</sup> Devreux took 80 Hoggs<sup>de</sup> of Tobacco aboard and carry'd it to Glascow from whence he imported a great Cargo of Scotch manufacture

<sup>488</sup> The accusations against Robinson rest chiefly on the testimony (besides that of Randolph) of one Hordefnell, who was appointed Chief Justice, and who himself confesses that he had noth-

ing to do in that office (*Calendar of State Papers, America and West Indies*, 1688, no. 1888), except, he might have added, to find fault.

facture, M<sup>r</sup> Trott Seized and prosecuted Veffell & Loading, haveing the plainest evidence ag<sup>t</sup> her, but Richier prevailed with the Judges being of his owne Appointm<sup>t</sup> to clear them : and to give cofts and Damages againft M<sup>r</sup> Trott he is imprifond above halfe a Year and dureing that time appointed one Groves a Broken Merch<sup>t</sup> to be y<sup>e</sup> Collector, haveing made him his Navall Officer at his firft arrivall : and abundance more like it and orderd Cap<sup>t</sup> Hall Comāder of y<sup>e</sup> Shipp Rebecca then here in his Maj<sup>ties</sup> Service not to affift the Collector as by Coppy N<sup>o</sup> 2 this Occafiond his removall and Coll<sup>l</sup> Goddard Succeeded him in his Gov<sup>mt</sup> and way of trade which he could not well drive on fo long as M<sup>r</sup> Trott was y<sup>e</sup> Collector, he would not connive at their illegal trade and haveing made his Nephew Brooks Navall Officer he displaced M<sup>r</sup> Trott by his nonfensicall & arbitrary warr<sup>t</sup> and placed him in his Office N<sup>o</sup> 3 and that he might make Sure worke Brooks was made Secretary alfo : hee traded to Curraço for him and contrary to his Maj<sup>ties</sup> Instructions about appointing and chufing the Members of his Councell Judges &c : (to bee chofen out of y<sup>e</sup> men of good Eftates and ability's and not neceffitous people or not much in debt : ) hee did make one Gilbert Nelson <sup>484</sup> who confefed here that he owed 13000<sup>l</sup> in London and a man of no faith) to be of his Councell and his cheif Judge : this made the inhabitants verry uneasy to find their Lives and Liberty's lye at y<sup>e</sup> Mercy of a Bankrupt and therefore had drawne up a body  
of

<sup>484</sup> Yet Gilbert Nelson is the perfon V. p. 138. From Vol. V. p. 289, he whom Randolph himfelf recommended seems to have been continued in his as Judge for the Bermudas, *ſupra*, Vol. office of Judge after Day's removal.

of Articles against him and gave him a Coppy that he might be prepared to answer them and intended to prosecute him upon them before his Maj<sup>ty</sup> in Councell, but hearing he was out of the Govern<sup>t</sup> they applyed to Gov<sup>r</sup> Day for redress, he at first smoothed the matter till he had whedled them out of three Hundred pounds he promis'd those whom he had vexatiously and most unjustly oppressed that he would see they should have y<sup>e</sup> benefit of y<sup>e</sup> Law against him and encourag'd M<sup>r</sup> Trott to bring his Action against him for 500<sup>l</sup> for false imprisonment of him and against Nelson for refusing to grant him a Writt of Habeas Corpus: he cast Nelson and had judgment against him for 500<sup>l</sup>: he had arrested C: Goddard by y<sup>e</sup> Gov<sup>r</sup>s allowance but granted an injunction out of Chancery to stopp all proceedings: he would suffer no man to arrest him for their just debts: but Guarded him till he was gott a board. Coll. Goddard<sup>485</sup> had made Stephen Crow (formerly his groome) his Sheriffe he had a great deal of y<sup>e</sup> Kings and of y<sup>e</sup> Countreys money and their Publick papers in his hands: he gave no security for his Office he was not to be arrested: but got aboard and is gone to England so that their Creditors are left without hopes of recovering their Debts and because they endeavourd to gett their owne he with the former Governors have by their Interest at Court obtaind a Credit ag<sup>st</sup> y<sup>e</sup> oppressed inhabitants: who are all looked upon to be Rogues & Villanes: But their present Gov<sup>r</sup> Day not regarding y<sup>e</sup> Hon<sup>r</sup> of  
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<sup>485</sup> Goddard's doings are summarised in the *Preface* to *Calendar of State Papers, America and West Indies*, 1693-1696, and 1696-1697, p. xxviii, &c. For his connection with Crow, see *Calendar of State Papers, America and West Indies*, 1693, no. 680.

of y<sup>e</sup> Crowne nor y<sup>e</sup> benefit of y<sup>e</sup> Islands after he had made fure of his 300<sup>l</sup> he turnd out Cap<sup>t</sup> Walker Coll<sup>l</sup> Anthony White and Cap<sup>t</sup> Harford from being of his Councell and continued Nelson & Outerbridge and chose in John Brooks a broken Scrivener in London who came over a covenant Servant about two years ago : these are true to his interest right or rong. Nelson declar'd in Councell that y<sup>e</sup> Govern<sup>r</sup> could make a decree in Chancēy without y<sup>e</sup> assent of any of his Councell who are M<sup>rs</sup> in Chancery also: Tis pleafant to see him keep one Daniell Smith (who being at Sea in a Veffell ready to founder was Saved by Avery and was upon tryall at Providence acquitted by y<sup>e</sup> Court) strictly a close Prisner in Goale here and make Outerbridge one of his Councell who was part owner of y<sup>e</sup> Sloop Amity Thomas Tue M<sup>r</sup> and was at charge to sett her out to the Redd Sea : he received about 540<sup>l</sup> left by Tue in Boston for his share : Smith has petitiond to be sent to England or tryed here, but he has land worth 4 or 500<sup>l</sup> & Nellson and his Sheriffe must first bleed him well : I have little conversation with him, but find him a man Loden with Pride and Vanity : more fit for a Bashaw then a Gov<sup>r</sup>.

There was in the Magazine when hee arriv'd about 40 Barrells of Powder he has squanderd away a great part of it by his unnescessary salutes, he comāded his Cap<sup>t</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> Castles to Salute him with 7 Gunns when ever he crossed y<sup>e</sup> Harbor, upon his going aboard a small boat he fired 3 Gunns the Platforme where he took water answerd him with as many, he makes his visits by water he fires 3 Gunns to advise them of his comeing aShore and 3 more at his parting. M<sup>r</sup> Richier and Coll<sup>l</sup> Goddard if they please can Vouch the  
truth



truith of it, *Some* of the Gentlemen discourst him with modesty about it of which Coll! White was one he told him it was of verry evill consequence to have his Maj<sup>ties</sup> Powder Spent so extravagantly, when they know not how soone the King of Spain might Dye and then the French would take the Island with 2 or 300 men when they had not Powder to defend themselves. This advise which Coll! White as one of the Councell ought to give y<sup>e</sup> Gov<sup>r</sup> was not well taken; for the Gov<sup>r</sup> sought all occasions to make him an Example for his Sauciness and a terror to others. The last Sessions of the Assembly, Severall Depositions were taken that proved Nellson guilty of Bribery as a Judge the Gov<sup>r</sup> hearing of it adjornd them till a certain day: at their next meeting haveing more evidence to proove the fact, they reassum'd the cause and were intended to have him prosecuted y<sup>e</sup> next court of Assizes but then the Gov<sup>r</sup> Prorogued them, tho they had severall greivances to be redressed, and demanded some and would force y<sup>e</sup> Assembly papers out of their hands: Some time after, it was contriv'd by Nellson & one Crane (not worth a groat) the Sheriffe, that Coll! White must be charg'd with doing or speaking ill words against y<sup>e</sup> Gov<sup>r</sup> (the Gov<sup>r</sup> grants his Warrant to Crane to fetch him before him and to break open his doores to serch for him if he could not readily find him, Crane with 5 or 6 men broak open the Doores; & y<sup>e</sup> next Sunday the Gov<sup>r</sup> Issued out the inclofd proclamation: Coll. White seeing him in Earnest tho for no cause went to the Gov<sup>r</sup> house who comitted him to Goal by his owne Warrant: he was forc'd to serve Nelson with a writt of Habeas Corpus and altho he offerd 4 or 5 men of y<sup>e</sup> best estates on y<sup>e</sup> place yet Nelson by the Gov<sup>r</sup> directions

directions would accept of no Bail unless M<sup>r</sup>: Dickinson Col: Whites Son in Law would be one of the security's, on purpose to prevent his going to England to represent these arbitrary proceedings.

Coll<sup>d</sup>: White haveing given security the Sheriff demanded 20 peices of 8 for his Fee 2 Peices are his due by Law, he would not lett him be at Liberty till he had paid his extravagant demands and Kept him above 48 hours without meat or drink and threatned to keep him in Prison till he was paid: but would not let him have a Coppy of y<sup>e</sup> Gov<sup>r</sup>: Warrant ordering him to break open his doores, neither would Nellson his Cheif Judge take his deposition that Crane the Sheriffe had refused to give him a Coppy:

These Gov<sup>r</sup>: are the Agressors upon his Maj<sup>ties</sup> Subjects they that make them groan under the heavy burthen of their oppressions, Yett when they complain they are represented to be the opposers of his Maj<sup>ties</sup> Govern<sup>r</sup>: Setled here. S<sup>r</sup>: Rob<sup>t</sup>: Robinson caused the Vessells fitted out to y<sup>e</sup> Wreck<sup>486</sup> to stay 3 weeks or a month at great Charge in the Harbors, till they had given him security to lett him have a Large share at their returne: and then sent men on board, who would not lett them have their parts after they had paid his Maj<sup>ties</sup> tenths and what they were oblig'd to lett him have.

M<sup>r</sup>: Richier erected a Court Martiall in time of peace here he charged some of the cheif inhabitants with Treason and would have hanged them haveing instruments proper for that worke.

Coll:

<sup>486</sup> This was no doubt the famous and others made fortunes. Hispaniola wreck, out of which Phips

Coll: Goddard made his Confidants tho not worth a farthing his prime minifters & officers of trust, they fqueesd the poore inhabitants but gave no fecurety for their Places and run away with their money . As Afhworth S<sup>r</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Robinfons Merch<sup>t</sup> or factor at firft his navall officer run to Ireland. And Stephen Crowe Coll: Goddards Groome & Sheriff & his Nephew Brookes were cheif in his councells.

I have difcourf'd fome of y<sup>e</sup> men of Eftates in thefe Iflands (and they fay) that the prefent want of Amunition may prove the lofs of this Countrey. Now in cafe through the negligence or improvidence of their Gov<sup>r</sup> or their non obfervance of his Maj<sup>ties</sup> instructions for Gov<sup>r</sup> (which not one of them have in any fort conform'd to) the French fhould furprife this place of fo great import to the Crown. Lying in 32½ N. Lat. it will ruine utterly the whole trade of England to and from the Sugar Plantations. Shipps homeward bound muft get into the Lat: of 29 before they meet with a wefterly wind the French with a fmall Fleet of nimble Veffells will take them all and putting a Strong Garifon into S<sup>t</sup> Auguftine not tenable by the Spaniards they will have a good Harbor to receive Veffells of 30 or 40 Guns and fo fhutt the Englifh out of all their Weft India Trade.

I have entertained y<sup>r</sup> Lordfhips with my narrative upon reputation only for y<sup>e</sup> Gov<sup>r</sup> will not lett any depositions be taken tho it imediately concerns his Maj<sup>ties</sup> Service till he has confulted upon it, which is the cheif reafon why fome of the Inhabitants do not now attend y<sup>r</sup> Lord<sup>sh</sup> with their Complaints: and muft be forced to fubmit and be quiet, till his Maj<sup>ty</sup> be pleas'd to comānd the Gov<sup>r</sup> to chufe fuch men for his Councell and Juftices of y<sup>e</sup> Peace, according to his Maj<sup>ties</sup> Instructions

Instructions. I am obligd to stay here till I can gett a Passage to Providence: the Loss of the Frigott, and want of a Vessell exposes me to great hardships I hope I shall find one at Verginia directed for that purpose.

All which is humbly submitted

I am indisposed not finding by  
agreeable Diets or drinke. ED. RANDOLPH  
I have not been accustomed to Rum.

P. S.] please to excuse the  
writing the matter  
is too true [*Signature & P. S. in Randolph's hand*]

[*Endorsed*] To the R: Hon<sup>ble</sup>  
the Lords Comm<sup>rs</sup>  
for Trade.  
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CLXIX.

RANDOLPH TO POPPLE ON THE SAME SUBJECT.

*Board of Trade, Bermuda, Vol. III.*

Bermuda. May y<sup>o</sup> 2 : 1699

I haue according to my duty represented to their Lordsh<sup>ps</sup>  
the present state of the Gom<sup>t</sup> of these Islands I find here  
haue been successiueley 4 Gon<sup>rs</sup> who haue been very Carefull  
to oppresse the Inhabitants by arbitrary Gom<sup>t</sup> as if it were  
One of the Articles in their Instructions for Gom<sup>t</sup> & indeed  
the principle, for in all my enquiry I find no one Good thing  
for the Service of the Crown or the benefitt of the Inhabitants  
by any one of them, but by Coll Goddard in passing the Act  
for

for habeas Corpus, but he had 300<sup>l</sup> for it & was the first that broake it Imprisoning the Collectors of y<sup>e</sup> Customs. I have made a discourse <sup>487</sup> too long for a letter & give it in vpon my Own Credit: the Gon<sup>l</sup> is politick & will not Suffer any of his Justices of the peace to administer an Oath in prooffe of a matter (tho' for his Ma<sup>ty</sup> Service) till he has Considered it & giuen his Consent. he has Stoppd those Gen<sup>l</sup> from coming ouer to make their Complaint: So that tis Mare clausum: I humbly [beg] the favour of their Lord<sup>shps</sup> on their behalfe that they will giue no Credit to what Col<sup>t</sup> Goddard Sayes or Gon<sup>l</sup> Day writes vpon this Subject till they haue heard Some of the Cheife vpon the place make appeare what I haue now wrote: I haue no clerk: & am much indisposed. Excuse therefore my ill writing if god giue me health I intend to providence: & if I misse a passage there for virginia must be forced to come home my humble Duty to all their Lord<sup>shps</sup> I am S<sup>r</sup>

your most humble Serv<sup>t</sup>

ED RANDOLPH:

M<sup>r</sup> Sec<sup>ry</sup> popple:

[*Endorsea*]

Bermuda

Łre from M<sup>r</sup> Randolph  
to y<sup>e</sup> Sec<sup>ry</sup> dated y<sup>e</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> May  
1699.

Rec<sup>d</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> June }  
Read 4<sup>th</sup> July } 1699

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<sup>487</sup> This is probably the long memorial delivered until Randolph's arrival in printed as Letter CLXXXVIII, and not England more than a year later.

CLXX.

RANDOLPH TO BLATHWAYT ON THE CONDUCT OF DAY.

*Collection of the Rev. W. T. Blathwayt.*

Hon<sup>d</sup> S:

Bermuda. May y<sup>e</sup> 2: 1699:.

I wrote you from hence by Cap<sup>t</sup> Brisco. Command<sup>t</sup> of the Sun[*ſc*] Prize: I wrote also to Mr Sec<sup>ry</sup> Vernon by him, but know not wheither this present Gon<sup>t</sup> M<sup>t</sup> Day has not so influenced him as as to throw them over Board for in the little tyme I have been here I find he sticks at nothing: he has turnd' out two of the members of y<sup>e</sup> Councill appointed by his Ma<sup>ties</sup> Commiffion: Cap<sup>t</sup> Charles Walker & Coll Anthony White: men of good estates and reputation: he has likewise turnd' out of the Councill Cap<sup>t</sup> Thomas Hartford, the man you were pleased to favour with carring him to y<sup>e</sup> late K: James: about y<sup>e</sup> Copper Guns he tooke vp at the Wreck: at his first arrivall vpon y<sup>e</sup> Hon<sup>rs</sup> recommendation. he made M<sup>r</sup> Richard Stafford cheife Judge of the Islands: but finding him an honest man & not fitt for his Turn: he laid him aside & has taken in an arrant knave Gilbert Nelson who broke in London for 13000<sup>l</sup> & being accused by the assembly for Bribery. So much concernd was M<sup>t</sup> Day for his favourite that he once adjourned & a second tyme prorogued them: & will not lett them fitt to do ye publick busines of the Country: I know if you aske Coll Goddards opinion of those he has turnd out, he will say they are all Rogues & Villanes (as he told me) & that Nelson is a very honest Gen<sup>t</sup> the foure Gon<sup>rs</sup> S<sup>r</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Robinson. & his successors: like Witches: say & practice their Articles of Instruction backwards not One of them haue observed one of the most necessary Instructions: It would do well, if they  
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were ordred to giue their answere in writing vnder their hand to every article & how they acted vpon them:

I humbly inclose an account of money received by S<sup>r</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Robinson for his Ma<sup>ties</sup> Tenths from y<sup>e</sup> Wreck: he paid it (as has been said :) to M<sup>r</sup> Horfenell: <sup>488</sup> Its necessary he should produce his receite for it to see how the account & that agrees; I beleiue the money is wasted not a little between them two:

I had almost forgott to mention M<sup>r</sup> William Outerbridge a principle man in Coll Goddards & Mr Dayes Councill, the best of him is he was bred a shipp Carpenter: & now one of the Cheife at the Helme; M<sup>r</sup> Rushe can giue his True character: he was part Owner of the Sloop Amity Thomas Tue M<sup>r</sup> his name is in my papers before y<sup>r</sup> Lordsh<sup>ps</sup> he sett her Out to the Red Sea: & not long since he received aboue 500<sup>l</sup> for his dividend: Its necessary an Order were directed to Cap<sup>t</sup> Thomas Hartford M<sup>r</sup> Richard Stafford & M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup>. Trott y<sup>e</sup> Elder: to demand the money of him for his Ma<sup>ties</sup> or that his Ma<sup>ties</sup> please to haue him appeare at a Certaine day before him in Councill: I question not but Coll Goddard & this Gon<sup>l</sup> haue a great opiniō of him, he has paid them well for it:

I haue wrote very largely from hence to y<sup>r</sup> Board: severall of the cheife men would haue confirmd what I haue said by their Depositions but the Gon<sup>l</sup> has stopd their Mouths: & will not lett any of them come ouer nor send Depositions hauing forbad his Justices of the peace to administer an Oath to any till he is acquainted with the matter.

at his first coming he censured Coll: Goddards irregular proceedings

<sup>488</sup> For Henry Hordefnell see notes to CLXVIII, *supra*.

proceedings & gaue leaue to feverall to areft him for their juft dues: & wheedled himfelfe into the Good opinion of the poeple . till they made him a present of 300<sup>l</sup> he prefently Turnd y<sup>e</sup> Tables vpon them . & now Employes onely beggarly fellowes. others will not fo much as Converfe with him. the world may Judge of his principles . when they heare, he facrilegiously profanes the communion plate & makes vfe of it at his debaucheryes. I haue feen the Chalice: with the Cover and patena—the chalice for water: Orange Juice & Suger: the Cover Keepest out the flies: the patena: is neceffary to ferue Glaffes of wine I admire not at it: when I fee his other actings.

I humbly inclofe a Copy of his proclamation ag<sup>t</sup> Coll White . lately of his Councill by his Ma<sup>ties</sup> Commands & alfo the Warr<sup>t</sup> vnder his Own hand & feale for Imprifoning him: the inclofed account of money receiued vpon the wreck Plate by S<sup>r</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> is true: I cannot find how much he paid to M<sup>r</sup> Horfnell for his Ma<sup>ties</sup> Tenths:—but tis thought not the full. M<sup>r</sup> Trott from whom I had the account was one of the Comm<sup>rs</sup> & weighed it:

my humble fervice to M<sup>r</sup> Povey to Madam Blathwaite to y<sup>r</sup> young Gen<sup>l</sup> & little Miffe. this country affords nothing worth fending them. the aire is holfome but neither ordinary dyet no beere nor wine: Rum & Punch are the Common Liquors: I am haftning to Providence & from thence if god pleafes to Virginia: but if I can gett no paffage there I beleiue I muft be forced to gett to Eng<sup>d</sup>:— with my humble duty presented I am fr

Your humble fer<sup>t</sup>

ED RANDOLPH:.

[*Endorsed*]



[Endorsed]

Bermuda 2 May 1699

From M Randolph

R<sup>d</sup> 9 June 1699with M<sup>r</sup> Trotts acco<sup>r</sup> of MoneyRec<sup>d</sup> by S Rob Robins for the

King tenths of the Wreck

## CLXXI.

RANDOLPH TO THE BOARD OF TRADE, EXPECTING ARREST.

*Board of Trade, Bermuda, Vol. III.*Bermuda: May y<sup>e</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 1699May it please y<sup>r</sup> Lordsh<sup>ps</sup>

I haue in my letters from hence, very largely represented to y<sup>r</sup> Lordsh<sup>ps</sup> the affaires & present managem<sup>t</sup> in the Gom<sup>t</sup> of these Islands being directed so to do, by M<sup>r</sup> Sec<sup>y</sup> Popples letter of y<sup>e</sup> 1 of Aprill 1697.

Yesterday I attended Gon<sup>t</sup> Day with a New Collector I deputed to supply a vacancy by the death of the former. at my first addresse he told me, he had made a Collector y<sup>e</sup> Day before . That the Comm<sup>rs</sup> had not power to appoint a Collector of y<sup>e</sup> Customs here, his Ma<sup>ty</sup> hauing committed that Trust to him by Commi<sup>ss</sup> vnder y<sup>e</sup> Great Seal.

Hee has thro' the negligence of One I made vse of to Copy my letters gott into his hands some blotted Rough Drafts of my letters to y<sup>r</sup> Lordsh<sup>ps</sup> he treated me with worse then Billingsgate Language for giuing an account to y<sup>r</sup> Lordsh<sup>ps</sup> wherein I wrote nothing butt matter of fact & what can be proved by y<sup>e</sup> whole body of the Inhabitants; when the Tryall is, but he fitts in Court & has So over  
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awed y<sup>e</sup> Poep<sup>le</sup> that they dare not speak truth. I received a paper last night, of which y<sup>e</sup> inclosed is a Copy: I find thereby he intends to prosecute me as a Criminall for writing truth to y<sup>r</sup> Lord<sup>sh<sup>ps</sup></sup> he has threatned to ruine me by Imprisonment & all other rigorous wayes, and (as I formerly wrote) turnd the cheife men out of his Councill & furnished himselfe with others for his turn; & has made his Navall Officer to be his Collector. Tis a long voyage from hence to London & not aboue 2 or 3 vessells go theither in a yeare, I fore See nothing but rotting in a Goale, which is an vnhappy reward for my many yeares past Services for the Crown. It was my misfortune to be Imprisoned with S<sup>r</sup> Edm<sup>d</sup> Andros the Gon<sup>r</sup> & many of y<sup>e</sup> Councill nigh 12 months in Boston: & had continued there longer if his Ma<sup>ty</sup> had not been graciously pleased to send his Expreffe Orders to those who imprisoned vs to transport vs to Eng<sup>d</sup> & to send ouer Agents to shew Cause for their So doing, we were accordingly sent, but they hauing no thing to charg vs with, we were all dischargd by his Ma<sup>ty</sup>s gracious order in Councill.

I haue none to apply to for Redresse, but to y<sup>r</sup> Lord<sup>sh<sup>ps</sup></sup> I am to be a great Sufferer for observing y<sup>r</sup> Lord<sup>sh<sup>ps</sup></sup> Comānds. I therefore humbly pray y<sup>r</sup> Lord<sup>sh<sup>ps</sup></sup> to moue his Ma<sup>ty</sup> on my behalfe, that a vessell may be forth with dispatchd heither with Orders to y<sup>e</sup> Gon<sup>r</sup> to send me home, and that Gilbert Nelson William Outerbridge John Brookes & Roger Crane, my cheife prosecutors may be ordred to attend at Whitehall & to proue to my face the Cause for which I am so inhumanely putt in prison. I am assured they are resolut to do it to day. The Gon<sup>r</sup> told me he had sent ouer a great many  
depositions

depositions ag<sup>t</sup> me to y<sup>r</sup> Lord<sup>sh<sup>ps</sup></sup> I question not, but Nelson Outerbridge Brookes & Crane are Some of y<sup>r</sup> Deponents ag<sup>t</sup> me, but are So well known here That no man of vnderstanding will Creditt their Oathes. I beleiue M<sup>r</sup> Richeir is of that Opinion: Tis true they are of the Councill which may seem to Excuse them, but I haue known in Such Cafes That the Gon<sup>r</sup> has been Expresly ordred to make Choise of others in their abfence I am not to be destroyed by paper Evidence.

I haue onely humbly to add, That if your Lord<sup>sh<sup>ps</sup></sup> will not resent and effectually remedy fuch open iniustice & oppreffion done to me who haue faithfully Serud the Crown aboue 24 yeares . No man thats fitt for bufines will Ever after Serue his Ma<sup>ty</sup> in his foraine & remote Plantations:

All which is humbly Submitted  
to y<sup>r</sup> Serious Consideration  
by y<sup>r</sup> Lord<sup>sh<sup>ps</sup></sup>

Suffring Seru<sup>t</sup>

ED RANDOLPH.

[*Endorsed*]

Bermuda

Here from M<sup>r</sup> Randolph  
to y<sup>e</sup> Board dated in Bermuda y<sup>e</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> of May 1699.

Rec<sup>d</sup> 2 Aug<sup>o</sup> }  
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[*Addressed*]

To the Right Hon<sup>ble</sup>  
the Lords Comm<sup>rs</sup> for Trade  
at Whitehall  
humbly present

[*In Randolph's handwriting*]

[*Enclosure*]

[*Enclosure*]

Bermuda

Copy of the Summons to Ed : Randolph  
to appeare before the Gon<sup>r</sup> at y<sup>e</sup> Seffions Houfe :  
By order of his Excellt. the Gon<sup>r</sup> & Councill  
To Edward Randolph Esq<sup>r</sup>

These are to giue you notice that you are required personally  
to bee & appeare before his Excellt. the Gon<sup>r</sup> & Councill  
at y<sup>e</sup> Seffions house in S<sup>t</sup> Georges to morrow morning by 8  
of y<sup>e</sup> Clock and thereof you may not faile; Dated on Munday  
y<sup>e</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> of May: 1699

By Order

Charles Minors Sec<sup>ry</sup>:

CLXXII.

DAY TO THE BOARD OF TRADE, ENCLOSING RANDOLPH'S  
LETTERS.

*Board of Trade, Bermuda, Vol. III.*

Bermuda the 18<sup>th</sup> May 1699

My Lords

Since my last to your Lordships by Cap<sup>t</sup> Benjamin Stow  
I have discovered the pernicious and unjust Secrett practises  
of M<sup>r</sup> Randolph: the Surveyor Generall of his Majesties  
Customs . in these American parts, To bring mee into the  
Diffavor and ill Opinion of your Lordships by an Untrue  
Representation of things to yo<sup>r</sup> Lordships in his Letters to  
England, Some rough Draughts whereof have come to my  
hands and I herewith Send your Lordships Coppis, By  
w<sup>ch</sup> You will perceive the great Liberty hee takes, Which I  
humbly Submitt to your Lordships consideration.

In his Letter directed to the hon<sup>ble</sup> the Comissioners of his Majesties Customs hee is pleased to Suggest That hee was Intended for Providence . But that the Sloop went without him for fear of being Stopt, Which assertion of his Is altogether untrue. For M<sup>r</sup> Randolph himself was with mee when the Sloop was cleared and took his Tickett himself and also tooke his Leave of mee for Providence and the Owner of the Sloop and hee Went out of my house together As they told mee to go directly on board to Saile within half an hour.

As to What relates to M<sup>r</sup> Trott late Collector I shall not Say much In regard hee is Dead, Only this, That in respect hee was deputed by the Comissioners to that Office I restored him to the Execution of the same upon my Arrival here, In which Office hee continued to his death, And upon his death for the present Supply of the place I have put in M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Brook who had late been Collector (hee haveing in the time of his Officiating kept very regular books and Accounts, The Copy of whose Comission is herewith Sent : And as to the Sufferings of M<sup>r</sup> Trott by the late Governors M<sup>r</sup> Richier and Coll. Goddard I cannot but doe Coll. Goddard that Justice to lett Your Lordshipps know That hee was not Imprisoned by him att any time for any Such thing as by M<sup>r</sup> Randolph is Intimated But his Imprisonment when Ever it happened hath been the Effect of his contempt of Authority or some other Misdemeanor. As to Publications in the Churches which hee the said M<sup>r</sup> Randolph makes mention of, They are here as in other places made by order of the Government and had M<sup>r</sup> Randolph Signified his desire to mee of any lawful Publication to bee made I should have readily given him my Order and assistance in the same But  
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hee never applied himself to mee or any under mee, Hee also mentions Some Sugar to bee here landed and Imported, This Was done by Capt<sup>r</sup> Briscoe Comander of the Frigott the Surprize for releife of his men Who came here in Extremity, as may appeare to yo<sup>r</sup> Lordships by the rough draught of M<sup>r</sup> Randolphs first letter, whereof a Coppy is herewith Sent Besides May itt please yo<sup>r</sup> Lordships, Capt<sup>r</sup> Briscoe to my knowledge made a Tender of the Customs of the Same to M<sup>r</sup> Randolph, Who refused itt, In regard Itt was done for his Majesties Service. As to the pretended Depositions of M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Stone mentioned by M<sup>r</sup> Randolph, The falsity thereof will fully appeare by M<sup>r</sup> Stone's Attestation herewith also sent : And as [to] the Depositions, Said, to bee sent by Col. Goddard I cannot Say anything of Itt, Not know-

(By Cap<sup>t</sup> Kemp-  
thorn.) ing thereof : And as to the Character which M<sup>r</sup> Randolph gives of M<sup>r</sup> Nelson, Who has been here a Resident for Some Yeares I have had the account hereof of his being a very Sober honest Gentleman And besides hee was nominated a Councillor in his Majesties Instructions to mee And by the Experience I have had of him, Hee is a person of Parts, of great Loyalty & One that understands the Law in Some Measure And So Esteeming him the fittest for the Office of a Judge that I could find in these Islands, Where the Inhabitants have not the opportunity or advantage of Education to Qualify them in any measure for Such Employments.

As to M<sup>r</sup> Randolph's Letter of the Second of this instant May I hope your Honors wilbee pleased to observe the Character given by M<sup>r</sup> Randolph to my Predecessor Col<sup>t</sup> Goddard and myself now in the actuall Administration of the Kings Government

Government And of the dangerous Effect Such a Character may tend to : However I am resolved to discharge faithfully the Trust his Sacred Majesty hath been graciously pleased to repose in mee In pursuance of his Commission and Instructions Without Ever giving any just Occasion to bee complained of or bee brought for any misdemeanor before the hon<sup>ble</sup> house of Comons.

And as to what is alledged very unjustly about the Statute of Habeas Corpus I most humbly referr your Lordships to the proceed<sup>s</sup> att large herewith Sent, Whereby itt will appeare That according to the Laws and Constitutions of these Islands, An Appeale Was craved by and granted to the Dfts by the Judge of Assize to the Governor & Council as a Court of Chancery And accordingly bills were filed against the said M<sup>r</sup> Trott Who not duly answering the Same but praying a further time to file in his answer The Dfts moved That in the meane time an Injunction might bee granted to Stay Execution for costs att Comon Law: So likewise as to the said M<sup>r</sup> Randolphs Suggesting That I would not Suffer the Justices to take any Depositions. I have inclosed Sent the Certificate by them freely Signed in that Case.

My Lords

I have also discovered That hee the said M<sup>r</sup> Randolph hath given Out That myself or one Roger Crane hath taken Two Tun of Logwood of one M<sup>r</sup> Cholwell who lately arrived here, for Fees and Port charges of his Vessell But So unjust an Aspersion itt is May itt please your Lordsh<sup>ps</sup> That the said Master Came into these Islands in great Distresse and applied himself to mee for Leave to unlade and refitt his  
vessell

vessell and to dispose of Some of his Cargoe here to raise money for his Occasions, And accordingly (As I am Informed) hee sold unto the said Roger Crane about the Quantity of Two Tun of Logwood, and hee really paid for the Same.

But as to my own part I only took care That hee Entred into bond with Security for landing his goods in England As the Law requires W<sup>ch</sup> hee (being a Stranger) found great difficulty to procure But haveing given Such Bond hee had immediately his clearings and Dispatches from these Islands without any delay or Charges.

And as to the further charge hee hath laid against mee about Wasting his Majesties Stores here, As I am Informed on Oath I beseech your Lordships to have a better Opinion of mee When your Lordships have considered the Sheriffes Attestation herewith Sent, Who alwayes is the Keeper of the Stores And Gives in Security of One Thousand Pounds for the discharge of his Office.

My Lords

I am sorry I have this Occasion to trouble yo<sup>r</sup> Lordships Which I am constrained to doe for my own Justification against the false and malicious practises of this turbulent mischeivous and wicked Man Humbly praying yo<sup>r</sup> Lordships Impartiall Consideration of the dangerous consequence Such proceeds must Tend to, For the people here are thereby So much Amused That they are att a Stand to whom they ought to yeild their due Obedience hee pretending great power and Authority in the regulateing of Government and that his Majesties Governors must be accomptable to him Useing the Several Governors in these parts where hee hath been  
(Viz<sup>t</sup>)



(Viz!) The Lord Bellemont in New York, Coll. Markham in Pensilvania and Coll. Blake in Carolina in a very Strange manner by opprobious Language and not Spareing to call them Villaines and Rogues: Under Such misfortune long have these Islands groaned by Such Undertakers who want not the Advice aid and Encouragement of some disquiet and uneasy men in these Islands Namely Anthony White, M<sup>r</sup>: Charles Walker M<sup>r</sup>: John Dickenson and Capt<sup>r</sup>: Thomas Harford Who have had frequent accessses to and Consultations with this Calumniating and dangerous Man Dureing all these his doings and Contrivances: However for the doing all right and Justice to this Gentleman I have thought fitt to Impart his Letters and Papers to the Council here Who took his Examination before them And hee Could not deny the charge against him But cheifly Insisted That hee had power to call the Governor to Account, So Upon hearing and confidering the matter hee the said M<sup>r</sup>: Randolph was committed According to the tenor of the Comitment whereof a Coppy is here with Sent, And hee now remaines in Custody untill hee bee delivered by due Course of Law, Not doubting but in other his Writeings not to mee discovered hee has used mee with greater Rancour Barbarity & Injustice.

My Lords

I have lately taken Several parcells of the Clippings of the currant Money of these Islands and have herewith Sent yo<sup>r</sup>: Lordships one Ounce Weight Out of Fourteen, found with One person, humbly hoping itt will move yo<sup>r</sup>: Lordsh<sup>ps</sup> to take into consideration that a Speedy and Suitable Remedy may may [be] provided to Such Exhorbitant practises, I have found cause to comitt Several persons on this Occasion and  
they

they are now in custody in his Majesties prison here, On haveing made diligent Search into these matters and into the Kings lands and Slaves So long concealed and detained, Several Discoveryes have been made and Informations Exhibited into the Court of Exchequer . And in prosecution hereof I have discovered a great Uneasiness in Severall persons Especially in the said persons before named M<sup>r</sup> Dickenson as I am Informed haveing Some Small time Since Carried to England About a Bushell of Clippings, As I doubt not but Capt<sup>t</sup> Benjamin Stow now in England can give your Lordships Some Account, And M<sup>r</sup> Walker Is and hath been the person who acts for M<sup>r</sup> Noden in England Who formerly purchased the Regecides Lands in these Islands, and on his Account hath disposed of Severall Shares of the same, Hee is very uneasy on any Enquiry made and makes all Obstructions thereto, hee is capable of: And hee spares not to Tell me hee will Spend Two Thousand Pounds But hee will remove mee from this Government.

My Lords

I most humbly Submitt my Self unto yo<sup>r</sup> Lordships in all things And am

May itt please yo<sup>r</sup> Lordships

Yo<sup>r</sup> Lordships most obedient

humble Servant

SAM. DAY

My Lords

I had sent this by the way of Barbados But happening in here the Briganteene Experiment Capt<sup>t</sup> Samuel Kempthorne Comand<sup>t</sup> bound directly to the Port of London, I have Sent itt by him, Who hath lived and traded in these American parts

parts above these Twenty Yeares, and is a person of great Experience and Can give Your Lordships a full Account of the State of these Islands if yo<sup>r</sup> Lordships please to Order him to attend you :

## CLXXIII.

## INTERCEPTED LETTER OF RANDOLPH TO [SAVAGE?].

*Board of Trade, Bermuda, Vol. III.*

St: <sup>480</sup>

Bermuda May 2<sup>d</sup> 1699

I have spent a great deale of Time to Examine M<sup>r</sup> Trotts papers I Never heard nor Seed of Such unjust practises done in a Civill Government by Such Squires of Alsatia as have been done him by Col<sup>t</sup> Goddard and this present one, I have inclosed his Letters of Attorneys to his Brother John, I feare hee will not Live Long, but I will Endeavor to have kept in memory the Barbarity and with dures of those Governors: this and all the other ought to bee brought before the house of Comons to bee made Examples to Terrifye the rest, I have Wrote Very Large Letters to my Masters att the Custome House and to the Lords Comissioners for Trade, S<sup>r</sup> please to judge att the Honesty of M<sup>r</sup> Day.

Hee Arrested by this Governors Consent and allowance Col<sup>t</sup> Goddard and one Nelson a Broken Merchant (for Thirteene Thousand Pounds in London) upon the Statute of Habeas Corpus upon Tryall of Nelson and another person the Jury found

<sup>480</sup> This is plainly a garbled version like his: but one or two expressions are of an actual draft of Randolph's. The quite in his style. spelling and grammar are altogether un-

found for him and hee had Judgment against them for Five Hundred Pounds a peece the Governor Granted an Injunction out of Chancery to Stopp proceedings and would not Lett M<sup>r</sup> Trott proceed against him, the Governor will not lett mee have Coppys of any papers or Suffer his Justices to take any depositions without hee is first Acquainted with the matter a Christian will Live better in Turkey then any of the Inhabitants in these Islands may Expect if the Governor pleases to Enjure him. my humble Service to your Lady

Indorfed.

John Trott of Bermuda Son of Samuel Trott Esq<sup>r</sup> deceased being Sworne Sayeth That in the month of May Instant hee this Deponent Wrote the Letter within Written by the Order of Esq<sup>r</sup> Randolph Surveyor Generall from the Originall Letter which hee gave unto him the Which Originall Was the own hand Writeing of him the Said M<sup>r</sup> Randolph.

John Trott

Sworne the 15<sup>th</sup> of May 1699  
before his Excellency the Governor

Sam : Day

Exam<sup>d</sup> p Charles Minors

Secret<sup>r</sup>

CLXXIV.

INTERCEPTED LETTER FROM RANDOLPH TO THE CUSTOMS.

*Board of Trade, Bermuda, Vol. III.*

May Itt please your Honors

My last was of the 15<sup>th</sup> Instant by Captaine Briscoe humbly Representing that I intended for Providence upon a Sloop  
then

then ready to Sayle and went that Evening to M<sup>r</sup> Trotts house to bee nigh her, and Examine his bookes and Papers. The Master of the Sloop fearing to bee Stopped, Sailed without my Knowledge and Carried Some of my things with him.

I Wrote to your Honors in mine of the Seaventh Instant, that I had perused M<sup>r</sup> Brookes and M<sup>r</sup> Trotts bookes of Entrys, that I found they both used One form, which Signi-fyes Little, but now upon my Second Comeing to his house hee has Shewne mee Two other bookes of Entrys Some are Well and regular done att Such Times as the Governor would Lett him bee quiett, and follow the busines of his Office; hee has kept a just Account of the money received by him and of his Necessary disbursements, in prosecution of Seizures, I have Shewne him the Methods of Keeping his bookes, and question not if itt please God hee recover (which I much doubt) but hee will bee a diligent Officer, I believe hee is a just man in his Office, hee has been torne a peeces by Vexatious Suites and Imprisonments Occasioned by his Seizing and prosecuteing Vessells. I find by Richier's Papers under his Own hand, That hee was false and Tracherous to the Interest of the Crowne and a Cruell Oppressor of M<sup>r</sup> Trott, Col<sup>t</sup>. Goddard differed in little from him. Endeavoring his utter ruine att home, and with your Honors by false Reports, and Seeing after all my Endeavors that I Could not See any persons or the depositions of those who Clamoured against him, I desired the Inclosed Advertisement to bee published in the Church as is usuall to bee done upon all Occasions but twas denied.

I did Likewise represent to your Honors in mine of the  
Seaventh

Seaventh Instant that Captaine Briscoe Comander of the Sun [*sic*] prize Imported Seaven Hoggfedds of Sugar from S<sup>t</sup>: Christophers to these Islands and Landed them in Towne I have Since taken the Deposition of Samuel Stone appointed Searcher by M<sup>r</sup>: Trott, hee lives in Towne hee Swears that Captaine Briscoe told him hee had Tenne Hoggfedds of Sugar a board, and told mee hee durst not take Notice of itt because the Governor had bought a great part of itt, M<sup>r</sup>: Trott was then att home not well, I lately heard that Col<sup>t</sup>. Goddard has Sent your Honors depositions against him, what they Containe, by whom Sworne to, and before whom taken I Cannot Learne.

what Ever itt bee It's done in utter malice against him, I humbly move your Honors in behalf of your Suffering Officer to give Credit to none of them, till They are proved to be true to his face, if hee live So long, no honest man of an Estate upon the place will accept of your Honors Deputation to bee Collector when hee Sees how Barbarously and unjustly M<sup>r</sup>: Trott has been used by the late Governors for doing his duty I desired the Governor to lett mee have the Names of the persons hee Appoints — the Officers in the Court of Admiralty, that I may informe your Honors, hee tells mee hee Intends to make no Standing Officers, but make them as Occasion requires and Such persons as hee thinks fitt, then. Itt may prove of ill Consequence to his Majesties Service if hee putt in men of neither Estates in the Country nor had honesty in London, as one Gilbert Nelson who run away out of towne Thirteene Thousand pounds in debt (as hee has Confessed here) this man is made one of the Councill and as Cheife Judge of these Islands has in his  
power

power the lives and Estates of all his Majesties Subjects here, Contrary to the Instructions from his Majesty to the former Governors as I am Certainly Informed by those who know itt.

All Which is humbly Submitted

by —

Indorfed —

John Trott being Sworne Sayeth That the Writeing on both sides of this paper Is the hand Writeing of Esq<sup>r</sup> Randolph As hee beleiveth

J. Trott

Jurat 15 May 1699 before his Excell<sup>y</sup>  
the Governor Sam Day

# CLXXV.

## RANDOLPH TO THE BOARD OF TRADE FROM PRISON.

*Board of Trade, Bermuda, Vol. III.*

from Prison :

Bermuda : May 22 : 99

May it please y<sup>r</sup> Lordsh<sup>ps</sup>

my diligence to obserue y<sup>r</sup> Lordsh<sup>ps</sup> Commands in M<sup>r</sup> Sec<sup>r</sup>y Popples letter to me of y<sup>e</sup> 1 : of Aprill 1697: requiring me to giue y<sup>e</sup> Lordsh<sup>ps</sup> an account of what I shall Judge proper for y<sup>r</sup> Lordsh<sup>ps</sup> knowledge: in Order to his Ma<sup>ties</sup> Service . I haue wrote vpon all Occasions the truth of what I haue obserued . it Seems in too plaine Expressions: Gon<sup>d</sup> Day hauing by the Treachery or Negligence of One I employed to Copy my papers has Copyes of 2 or 3 of my letters to y<sup>r</sup> Board from hence: if there were any thing in them

them he did not like, he might have concealed it & wrote to y<sup>r</sup> Lordf<sup>ps</sup> his pleasure about me & that also, but by shewing them to his Councill has Exposed Some of the former Gon<sup>r</sup> perhaps himselfe. but however he has managed I am made a Great Sufferer by it. I can vouch by Sufficient persons the truth of what I haue wrote, not out of a designd prejudice to any but because I was commanded by y<sup>r</sup> Lordf<sup>ps</sup> to write whatsoever etc. I haue done it, & pray onely that if vpon Examining my letters I lately sent by Cap<sup>t</sup> Stow, there appeare any thing which has the face of falsehood I desire to be sent for home & haue liberty to make my defence before Impartiall Judges: these being profecutors & Judges also: I humbly inclose a copy of the Commitment, stufd with words & nonsense: if I haue done Damage to any one here the Law is open he may haue full Satisfaction. but I do alwayes beleiue that what ever is transmitted to y<sup>r</sup> Lordf<sup>ps</sup> tis Safe, & will be made vse of no further then for his Ma<sup>ties</sup> Service. I intreat y<sup>r</sup> Lordf<sup>ps</sup> that I may not be destroyed in a Nasty Jakes if not Sufficiently proved will beare an action of Slander onely:

I should do his Ma<sup>ties</sup> pritty Service & gaine y<sup>r</sup> Lords Creditt if I consulted & advised onely with the Gon<sup>r</sup> where I come what is fitt & proper to write to y<sup>r</sup> Lordf<sup>ps</sup> Gon<sup>r</sup> Day was pleased to intimate So much & vsed me with great Civility & freedome: giuing me the Charecters of Severall persons. he told me that Cap<sup>t</sup> Nelson was a very honest worthy Gen<sup>l</sup> that L<sup>t</sup> Colf: Outerbridge was another of his Councill a Just Good man: & So of Some others, exclaiming bitterly ag<sup>t</sup> & charging others with Great Crimes & tending to a high degree: but I never heard any thing proved ag<sup>t</sup> any  
of



of them. Vpon a due Examination of what ye Gon<sup>r</sup> was pleased to tell me of those of his Councill I found Cap<sup>t</sup> Nelson was a Broaken Eufurer in London for a Great Sum of money & run away heither, and if poeple might Speake Out, (being Cheife Judge) is charged with Bribery as for Outerbridge he was part Owner of the Sloop Amity of these Islands Thomas Tue M<sup>r</sup> of whom I made mention to y<sup>r</sup> Lord<sup>sh<sup>ps</sup></sup> formerly in my account of Road Island: he was at charg to sett her Out to y<sup>e</sup> Red Sea & receiued of Tues Attorney aboue 500<sup>l</sup> for his dividend: and Certainly a broaken Eufurer & Judge vnder a Suspicion of an ill thing and a Receiuer of stoln Goods are no fitt men to be of his Ma<sup>ties</sup> Councill in these Islands: yet y<sup>r</sup> Lord<sup>sh<sup>ps</sup></sup> find their Names in the Order of my Committment. they thought to be Even with me, because I haue Somewhere in my papers to y<sup>r</sup> Lord<sup>sh<sup>ps</sup></sup> made mention of their Names & qualifications.

I likewise find those who are reflected vpon: are men of the best estates & were of the Councill; not long Since, being old Standards & best acquainted with the State of the Country: and will when every man without feare of Imprison<sup>ment</sup> may proue the truth of what I haue wrote in my letters to y<sup>r</sup> Lord<sup>sh<sup>ps</sup></sup> & to my Masters the Comm<sup>rs</sup> of the Customs. I could well haue spared my selfe the trouble of writing of so many letters, I haue gott onely a Goal by it: I know y<sup>r</sup> Lord<sup>sh<sup>ps</sup></sup> tyme is alwayes taken up in the Great affairs of the Kingdome I expect y<sup>r</sup> Lord<sup>sh<sup>ps</sup></sup> will be pleased to remember my vnhappy Circumstances, That, no cause appearing to y<sup>r</sup> Lord<sup>sh<sup>ps</sup></sup> for my Confinement but y<sup>e</sup> Contrary the Gon<sup>r</sup> may be forthwith ordred to sett me at liberty: that I may proceed to perfect my Survey in the other plantations:

tations: I find neither treason nor felony in my Commitment, & therefore I amailable. tis hard I should be rewarded with Imprisonm<sup>t</sup> onely, for all my past Services. as to receiving Satisfaction from them all for damages: they haue little estate & I shall haue lesse Justice in this place vnlesse y<sup>e</sup> Ballance be putt in a more faithfull hand.

All which is humbly Submitted

I am much impaired in my walk by my confinement these Evill doers ought to be severely taken notice of, by being turned out of the Councill for opposing a Gon<sup>t</sup> in the immediate Service of the Crown.

[*P. S. on the back in Randolph's handwriting*]

I once again (& perhaps tis the last tyme) humbly intreat y<sup>r</sup> Lord<sup>sh<sup>ps</sup></sup> that I may not be crushd to death vnder the burthen of angry & insulting pride: & vanity: Such cases as mine, Come not Every day vnder y<sup>r</sup> Lord<sup>sh<sup>ps</sup></sup> Consideration:

[*Attached inside the letter*]

At a Councill Table holden at y<sup>e</sup> Sessions house in S<sup>t</sup> Georges on Thursday the 16: day of May in y<sup>e</sup> yeare 1699

Present

His Exce<sup>ts</sup>: Sa<sup>m</sup>: Day Esq<sup>r</sup> Gon<sup>t</sup>

Leiftn<sup>t</sup> Coll: Wi<sup>th</sup> Outerbridge

John Brooke Esq:

Cap<sup>t</sup> Gilbert Nelson

Sa<sup>m</sup>: Sherlock Esq<sup>s</sup>

Cap<sup>t</sup> Richard Penniston

vpon Examining of Edw<sup>d</sup> Randolph Esq<sup>s</sup> about his writing and contriving Severall false & dangerous papers, words Reports and Expreffions by him Secretly & maliciously wrote, Spoken & Expreffed towards his Excell<sup>t</sup>: Sa<sup>m</sup>. Day Esq<sup>s</sup>  
his

his Ma<sup>ties</sup> present Establiſhed Gon<sup>r</sup> of theſe Iſlands: And this Board taking into Conſideration the Great Miſcheife hurt & deſtruction that Such proceedings muſt Inevitably tend towards his Ma<sup>ties</sup> Interelt & y<sup>e</sup> peace & Good Gom<sup>t</sup> of theſe his Ma<sup>ties</sup> Iſlands.

It is therevpon the Vnanimous Judgm<sup>t</sup> & openion of this Board: and So hereby Ordred, & required, that Roger Crane Eſq<sup>3</sup>: provost Martiall Gen<sup>l</sup> of theſe Iſlands do immediatly take into his Cuſtody in his Ma<sup>ties</sup> priſon in S. Georges him the ſaid Edw<sup>d</sup> Randolph & him there Safely & Securely Keep vntill he ſhall be thence delivered by Due Courſe of Law.

By order of y<sup>e</sup> Gon<sup>r</sup> & Councill aboue  
To Roger Crane Eſq<sup>3</sup> Provost Charles Minors Sec<sup>ry</sup>  
Martiall Gen<sup>l</sup> in Bermuda.

a true Copy of the Originall Examined  
p Rog<sup>t</sup> Crane : S : x : H.

[*Addressed*] To the Right Hon<sup>ble</sup>  
the Lords Comm<sup>rs</sup> for Trade  
at Whitehall:  
humbly preſent:

[*Endorſed*] Bermuda  
Lre from M<sup>r</sup> Randolph re-  
lating to his imprifonment  
at Bermuda, dated y<sup>e</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup>  
of May 1699.

Rec<sup>d</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> June }  
Read the 4<sup>th</sup> July } 1699

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CLXXVI.

RANDOLPH TO BLATHWAYT FROM PRISON.

*Collection of the Rev. W. T. Blathwayt.*

S:

Bermuda: from Prison: May 22: 1699.

I haue not long since wrote you from hence I hope they with my severall letters from Carolina are receiued: M<sup>r</sup> Day y<sup>e</sup> Gon<sup>r</sup> has had an Evill eye vpon me since I entred in y<sup>e</sup> secrys office y<sup>r</sup> Lord<sup>sh</sup> directions to me by M<sup>r</sup> Secry Popples letter of y<sup>e</sup> 1 of Aprill 97: (to giue their Lord<sup>sh</sup> an account of what I should Judge proper for their knowledge in Order to his Ma<sup>ties</sup> service) the first open difference arose vpon my enquiring into y<sup>e</sup> Managem<sup>t</sup> of the former Gon<sup>r</sup>. I found them all illegall Traders Every one making their Own Navall Officers their Collectors: This is so also & has made his Navall Officer the Collector: & is a Trader: I according to my instructions from my M<sup>r</sup> appointed a Collector in the Room of One lately deceased. I omitt all his vanity & passion: he gott by treachery or neglect of one I employ to Copy my papers a Copy of one of my letters to yr Board. I spoak truth & plaine: he has made me a close prisoner: refusing any to come to me: If I can out liue his oppression I shall declare the truth to the World: you will heare in a little tyme of his exorbitant & illegall practices vpon divers M<sup>r</sup> of vessells who have been forcd to touch here for wood & water or to stop a leake:. I haue wrote to my M<sup>r</sup> to obtaine an Order from his Ma<sup>ty</sup> for my discharge being charg<sup>d</sup> with writing & Contriving false & dangerous papers words etc by him secretly & maliciously wrote . . I humbly referr your Hon<sup>r</sup> to y<sup>e</sup> Copy sent to y<sup>r</sup> Board by this shipping . in which are abundance of

Nonfencicall expreffions: his great care & paines about me is to haue me rott in goale: I pray god forgiue him & fend me where wee may discourfe vpon evenground. I know you will please to affist how & when proper: towards obtaining liberty for y<sup>r</sup> Humble fer<sup>t</sup>

ED RANDOLPH

my humble service to M<sup>r</sup> Povey the young Gen<sup>l</sup> & y<sup>e</sup> young lady: y<sup>r</sup> Daughter this place affords nothing to present them with:

My humble service to Madam Blathwayt I fend this by Cap<sup>t</sup> Kempthorn M<sup>r</sup> of the Briganteen Marygold of this place he is a stranger & an Eye witnes to my Imprisonm<sup>t</sup> I am not committed for felony or treason tis for speaking & truth which ought to be spoken at all tymes: Every man but this Gon<sup>l</sup> has his failings but this many outrageous Crimes he is known a little in London but he [is] feard by all loued by none: . my humble duty to y<sup>e</sup> E: Bridgwater pleas lett his Lordsh<sup>p</sup> know what a fine Gen<sup>l</sup> is recommended to his Ma<sup>j</sup> for the Gom<sup>t</sup> of these now vnhappy Islands.

[*Addressed*]      To the Right Hon<sup>ble</sup>  
                      M<sup>r</sup> Blathwayt  
                      at  
                      Whitehall:  
                      humbly present:

[*Endorsed*]      22 May 1699  
                      From M<sup>r</sup> Randolph.

CLXXVII

RANDOLPH TO THE BOARD OF TRADE, EXPECTING RELEASE.

*Board of Trade, Bermuda, Vol. III.*

(Duplicate)

Bermuda Dec 29: 1699

May it please y<sup>r</sup> Lordsh<sup>ps</sup>

I received the honour of y<sup>r</sup> Lordsh<sup>ps</sup> Packett by Cap<sup>t</sup> Stow y<sup>e</sup> 22 instant directed to myself Coll White & to M<sup>r</sup> Edward Jones (the Sec<sup>y</sup> of these Islands not yet arrived) together with a Duplicate of their Excellencies the Lords Justices Order in Councill of y<sup>e</sup> 31 of Aug<sup>t</sup> to L<sup>t</sup> Gon<sup>l</sup> Day to discharge me from my Imprisonm<sup>t</sup>

The 24 Coll. White with his Son in Law M<sup>r</sup> Dickinso<sup>n</sup> & M<sup>r</sup> Spottforth y<sup>e</sup> Collector came to town to waite vpon M<sup>r</sup> Day for my discharge accordingly, but he hastned to y<sup>e</sup> Country so that it was y<sup>e</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> before they could speak with him. He told them his Councill mett y<sup>e</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> of January next That, then; they should haue his An<sup>s</sup>wear. in the mean tyme I am continued a prisoner: and as to his & the Councills issuing a commission to etc: he giues out that he will do nothing in it till he has received the Originall Order. he faintly denied to Colonell White the receite there of, tis probable it may be sent by Cap<sup>t</sup> Stow who brought M<sup>r</sup> Day his Ma<sup>ty</sup> letter to deliver up Cap<sup>t</sup> Adderleys Sloop which he had most injuriously detained 7: or 8 months vnder pretence, that  $\frac{1}{8}$  part of vessell & loding was due to his Ma<sup>ty</sup> &  $\frac{1}{8}$  part there of was due to him as Vice Admirall for no other Reason but because she touched vpon a Rock coming

ing into S<sup>t</sup> Georges Harbour. Tis the Opinion here that if M<sup>r</sup> Jones with whom M<sup>r</sup> Day Sayes the Originall Order of Councill is intrusted should Miscarry (which God forbid) that he will not issue y<sup>e</sup> Comms<sup>s</sup> as directed, on purpose to gaine the tyme.

I shall take all occasions humbly to represent to y<sup>r</sup> Lord<sup>s</sup><sup>ps</sup> an account of all our proceedings in these affaires which shall be managed with all Justice & Moderation if M<sup>r</sup> Day think fitt to issue the Commission & to permitt vs to Sitt.

Vpon the News of the Spanish Embassadors being Ordred to depart England I haue iust now wrote to M<sup>r</sup> Blake the Gon<sup>l</sup> of Carolina by Cap<sup>t</sup> Stow . To haue a Stri<sup>c</sup>t Eye vpon their neighbours the Spanniards at the fort & town of S<sup>t</sup> Augustine about 40 or 50 Leagues to the Southward of Charles town (as I haue formerly humbly shewn in my letters of Aprill last from Carolina to y<sup>r</sup> Lord<sup>s</sup><sup>ps</sup>) Mistrusting they may be influenced vpon it, to take advantage of their present calamity, by the death of nigh 200 persons in Charles Town, and reviving their pretended Right, a Second tyme, to all the Southern part of Carolina vp to Ashley River, make themSelves M<sup>rs</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> whole Province, being in great disorder & not in a Condition to defend them Selves & Country. the Spanniards lay claime to these Islands also :

All which is most humbly Submitted  
by ED RANDOLPH.

[*Endorsed*]

Bermuda  
Lre from M<sup>r</sup> Randolph  
to y<sup>e</sup> Board : Dated in Bermuda y<sup>e</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> of Dec<sup>r</sup> 1699

Rec<sup>d</sup>

Rec<sup>d</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> }  
Read 5<sup>th</sup> } April 1699

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CLXXVIII.

RANDOLPH TO THE BOARD OF TRADE ON HIS RELEASE.

*Board of Trade, Bermuda, Vol. III.*

Bermuda. Jan<sup>y</sup> 3. 99

May it please y<sup>r</sup> Lordsh<sup>ps</sup>

The 22 of Dec<sup>ber</sup> past I receiued a packett from y<sup>e</sup> Lordsh<sup>ps</sup> by Cap<sup>t</sup> Stow directed to mysele: Col<sup>t</sup>. Anthony white & M<sup>r</sup> Edw<sup>d</sup> Jones the Sec<sup>y</sup> of these Islands with the inclosed Duplicate of their excell<sup>ty</sup> the L<sup>ds</sup> Justices Order in Councill of y<sup>e</sup> 31: of Aug<sup>t</sup> last

The 27<sup>th</sup> following Collonell white attended y<sup>e</sup> Gou<sup>r</sup> with a Copy of the Said Duplicate to gett my Discharg but the Gou<sup>r</sup> putt him off till the next Councill Day : keeping me a close prisoner.

The councill mett the first instant but being Holyday all busines was adjournd till the next. Col<sup>t</sup> white then attended & prayd the Duplicate might be read in Councill, vpon reading thereof a great Debate arose : the Gou<sup>r</sup> & M<sup>r</sup> Nelson the Chiefe Justice vrge<sup>d</sup> their Opinion that they were not obliged to take Notice of a Duplicate : but to stay till y<sup>e</sup> Gou<sup>r</sup> had received the Originall.

At last they agreed & made their Order whereof y<sup>e</sup> Inclosed is a copy . Signd by my Selfe & Col<sup>t</sup>: white being not yet impowrd to take a Deposition.



I was dischargd the day of the date here of from my nigh  
9 months Severe Imprisonm<sup>t</sup> for which favour I return my  
humble thanks to y<sup>r</sup> Lordsh<sup>ps</sup> & in all duty remaine

Your Lordsh<sup>ps</sup>

Duplicate of my letter  
Via Nevis

Most humble & most obedient  
Ser<sup>t</sup>

ED. RANDOLPH

[*Endorsed*]

Bermuda

Letter from M<sup>r</sup> Randolph  
dated in Bermuda y<sup>e</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> of  
Jan<sup>y</sup> <sup>1699</sup>/<sub>1700</sub> abt his releasement  
out of Prison

Rec<sup>d</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> April }  
Read 29<sup>th</sup> Ditto } 1700

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# CLXXIX.

RANDOLPH TO JACOB MEARS.

*Collection of the Rev. W. T. Blathwayt.*

Bermuda January the 19<sup>th</sup> 1699

S<sup>r</sup>

I acknowledged in Mine of the 29<sup>th</sup> Decemb<sup>r</sup> past (via  
Medera) that on the 22<sup>d</sup> I rec<sup>d</sup> yours of the 30<sup>th</sup> of Novemb<sup>r</sup>  
past by Cap<sup>t</sup> Stow, That Cap<sup>t</sup> Walker and Cap<sup>t</sup> Ad<sup>r</sup>ley  
recd yours to them, and M<sup>r</sup> Day had his Majesty<sup>s</sup> Order to  
Deliver up your floope to Cap<sup>t</sup> Adderley, Without Charge  
hee removed hir from that place where she had been Kept  
since

since hir seizure To another nigh his house more Convenient y<sup>e</sup> better to see hir repaired, I call<sup>d</sup> On him the 12<sup>o</sup> Instant To know what Condition she was in, hee told mee The Carpenters said shee must bee new Bottomed, hir Sayles are Indifferent butt Twill Cost neare 200<sup>l</sup> before she is fitt to goe to sea; I will some Times goe that way to see how the Worke goe<sup>s</sup> fforward, haveing been at Liberty ever since the 3<sup>d</sup> instant, after nigh Nine months Imprisonm<sup>t</sup> I observe Yow write in One of your Lett<sup>rs</sup> to Cap<sup>t</sup> Adēley, That yo<sup>r</sup> Brother Gave: A: 1000<sup>l</sup> Bond, To answer M<sup>r</sup> Day<sup>s</sup> pretensions to ffee<sup>s</sup> before yow Could obteyne his Majesty<sup>s</sup> Letter to him for the Delivery of yo<sup>r</sup> sloop Certainly: if M<sup>r</sup> Day by Extraordinary Aplication, has Obteyne<sup>d</sup> such an Order T<sup>is</sup> against the Policy of these Islands, and A publick Greivance To all Merchants Trading to these Westerne parts of the World, Who are Obleiged Humbly to ad<sup>re</sup>ss his Majesty for releife or will bee fforced in A Little Time To knock off; ffor now since t<sup>is</sup> Knowne that Cap<sup>t</sup> Adderley<sup>s</sup> Sloop has beene stopt here: 7 or 8: months under pretence of ffees; Mast<sup>rs</sup> will runn all hazards at sea rather then ffall into M<sup>r</sup> Day<sup>s</sup> Mercilefs hands: You further Ad to him, that hee must send yow an Estimate of all Disburfm<sup>ts</sup> upon the repaire of the Sloop — Taken by a Notary publick To the Lords Com<sup>rs</sup> for Trade, I wrote formerly upon another Occasion, That The Secretary is the Notary publick and the Governo<sup>r</sup>s Creature, That hee nor any of the Iustices of the peace would Take a depofition, till they had Acquainted the Govern<sup>r</sup> W<sup>th</sup> the Contents of itt: ; Thereupon their Excellencies The Lords Justices by their Order in Councill of the 30<sup>th</sup> of Aug<sup>t</sup> Last, Did  
require

require M<sup>r</sup> Day, and the Councill, To Issue out A Comission To my selfe to Collon<sup>n</sup> Anthony White and To M<sup>r</sup> Edward Jones (Comeing Over Secretary of These Islands) To bee Justices of the peace, and any of us to Take all Depositions &c, Butt M<sup>r</sup> Day being Conscious of Most Notorious Crimes, Comitted by him since his being Governo<sup>r</sup> Delay<sup>e</sup> that Comission, as by his Order now Transmitted to the L<sup>ds</sup> Comission's (as by A Coppy Thereof I now Enclose unto M<sup>r</sup> Povey at the Councill Chamber, Appeare<sup>e</sup>) and Thereby Frustrates The Intent of Their Excellencies Order—I beleive That upon his Majestys heareing the Whole Matter Yow will have leave to proceed Against M<sup>r</sup> Day for Damages, (Nott Much Less then: 7: or: 800<sup>l</sup>) But T<sup>'s</sup> a great Question how yow Will Come by the Money:

Some Thinks hee Intends for S<sup>t</sup> Thomas<sup>'</sup> or Corresco To prevent his apeareing at Whitehall because hee Converts all into Money Or Merchandize fitt to Carry w<sup>th</sup> him, But if hee bee soe hardy To stand it out, and hee gett to England, Yow will find the Broken Linnen Draper Metamorphossed into A broken Govern<sup>r</sup>, Retired to his fformer Lodgeing, in the King's Bench or the Marshallsy, besides twill bee A horrible InJustice To his Creditors heere, Who if hee bee Called home, Will Irrecoverably Loose their Money<sup>e</sup> by him As some of Them Did by Collon<sup>n</sup> Goddard the late Governo<sup>r</sup> Unless he bee ordered to pay them before his Leaving this place, I Know great aplication, will bee Made to his Majesty by some persons to succeed M<sup>r</sup> Day In the Govern<sup>t</sup> of these Islands, W<sup>ch</sup> will not bee Worth above: 500<sup>l</sup> per ann; And A Gen<sup>t</sup> of an Estate at home, Will not bee Induced to leave his Native Country, upon such Indifferent

defferent Termes, and if hee bee worth nothing, this is nott the place to make his fortune: (I Offer to yow onely my Opinion, That itt would bee ffarr better for his Majesty<sup>a</sup> Imediate service In those Islands That A Commishon be forthw<sup>th</sup> Directed, To myselfe (if upon y<sup>e</sup> place) Collon<sup>l</sup> Anthony White, Cap<sup>t</sup> Charles Walker Cap<sup>t</sup> John Tucker of S<sup>t</sup> Georges Cap<sup>t</sup> Thomas Harford, and M<sup>r</sup> Samuell Spoff-erth Men of the Best Estates in The Country, To take upon them. The Govern<sup>t</sup> of these Islands, That his Majesty May bee thereby ffully Inform<sup>d</sup> of the state and Great Import of These Islands to the Crowne: and that itt Will putt itt Out of the power of any succeeding Gov<sup>r</sup>no<sup>r</sup> To Oppress and Invade The Just Rights of his Majesty<sup>a</sup> Loyall Subjects of Burmuda, The precedent Govern<sup>r</sup> Tooke the fleerce as ffast as itt Grew, This fleas<sup>t</sup> off the skin, hee has Drove off Many of the Inhabitants by unheard of Exactions and Destroyed the Lawfull Trade of Others: S<sup>t</sup> I write to yow as yow seeme to mee by your Letters A man of A publick spirritt, w<sup>ch</sup> has Encouraged Mee ffreely To Comunicate My sentiments, In relation to your private Loss susteyned by M<sup>r</sup> Day, and Methods to prevent The Like to others for the ffuture, The Obteyning whereof, is an Ample Grattification expected from:

S<sup>r</sup> Yours : humble ser<sup>t</sup>

ED RANDOLPH:

[*Addressed*] To M<sup>r</sup> Jacob Mears : Merc<sup>t</sup> .  
at M<sup>r</sup> Sampsons Mears Merc<sup>t</sup>  
in S<sup>t</sup> Mary Ax :  
London

To M<sup>r</sup> Jacob Mears

CLXXX.

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## RANDOLPH TO THE BOARD OF TRADE ON DAY'S CONDUCT.

*Board of Trade, Bermuda, Vol. III.*Bermuda: Jan<sup>y</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> 1699May it please y<sup>r</sup> Lordsh<sup>ps</sup>

I received the Packett from y<sup>r</sup> Lordsh<sup>ps</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 22 of Dec<sup>ber</sup> by Cap<sup>t</sup> Stow, directed to M<sup>r</sup> Edw<sup>d</sup> Randolph, Col<sup>t</sup>. White & m<sup>r</sup> Edward Jones Secry, to go ther with the inclosed Duplicate of their Excell<sup>ts</sup> the Lords Justices Order in Councill of ye 31 of Aug<sup>t</sup> past to M<sup>r</sup> Day leiftn<sup>t</sup> Gou<sup>r</sup> of these Islands forthwith to Cause a Commission to be issued vnder the Publick Seal constituting & appointing my Selfe Col<sup>t</sup> Anthony White & M<sup>r</sup> Edward Jones to be Justices of the peace in these Islands to examine witneses & take Depositions vpon Oath etc : but he delayed calling his Council till the first instant : they mett again y<sup>e</sup> 2 : & then they made the Order (N<sup>o</sup> 1) designing on purpose incase M<sup>r</sup> Jones had not arrived till March or Aprill (which Some tymes falls out to vessells which misse y<sup>e</sup> Islands) that nothing should be done in the mean tyme, & thereby wholly evade the intent of their Excell<sup>ts</sup> Said Order.

M<sup>r</sup> Jones arrived ye 20<sup>th</sup>. instant & the 23 following I received a Summons (a Copy whereof (N<sup>o</sup> 2) is inclosed,) vpon which (Col<sup>t</sup>. White being likewise Summoned) I with M<sup>r</sup> Jones attended at the Sessions house, where after wee had taken the vsuall Oaths: the Commission being dated the 2 instant the day when it was Ordred & sealed was delivered to me but the Gou<sup>r</sup> directed me to return it to M<sup>r</sup> Minors that  
he

he might Record it & afterwards he returnd it to me in company with Col<sup>t</sup>. White.

By this designed losse of so much tyme from y<sup>e</sup> 22 of Dec : to y<sup>e</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> instant we are So streightned that we Cannot possibly gett any Depositions ready to send by this Conveyance but will send them by a vessell bound hence to Jamaica.

I am obliged for the favour of y<sup>r</sup> Lord<sup>s</sup><sup>ps</sup> letter of y<sup>e</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> of July past : & for y<sup>r</sup> great Care & readines to dispatch y<sup>r</sup> Letters to M<sup>t</sup>. Day for my Enlargment: yet notwithstanding I had not my liberty till the 13 instant otherwise Hee & M<sup>t</sup>. Nelson were So pleased to haue me in prison that they would keep me there So long as they kept in the Govern<sup>t</sup>.

I am likewise further obliged that y<sup>r</sup> Lord<sup>s</sup><sup>ps</sup> take notice of & approue my Services & to assure me of your readines vpon all occasions to do any thing that may be proper for my Encouragem<sup>t</sup>: I intend god willing So Soon as I am able after my nigh 9 months Imprisonm<sup>t</sup> to vndertake a voyage & a Safe passage presents (for these Seas haue been infested with Pyrates) to go to providence where M<sup>t</sup>. Read Elding a known & late Pyrate is by y<sup>e</sup> Death of Cap<sup>t</sup>. Webb the present Gon<sup>t</sup> & from thence to North Carolina where I shall meet with an vngovernd & licentious poeple to manage, the Gon<sup>t</sup> (as I hear) being a well-wisher to their Humors: from both places I shall by way of virginia or from hence after I haue visited the Northern provinces inform y<sup>r</sup> Lord<sup>s</sup><sup>ps</sup> my remarks vpon their Gom<sup>t</sup>: & Trade. Bermuda lyes in the Center of my businis. I haue by my long confinem<sup>t</sup> gott a Cold Numbnes in my Right knee & leg so that I cannot endure the the fategues of tedious Cold travelling by Sea or  
land

land as formerly & would be willing to call this moderate clymate my residence vnlesse I am commanded to attend my M<sup>n</sup> at home ; after my more then 25 yeares Serving y<sup>e</sup> Crown in the Bufines of y<sup>e</sup> Customs in which I haue made 15 Voyages to & from his Ma<sup>ties</sup> plantations on ye Continent of America : to London & vndergone great hazards & Dangers besides losses & greater troubles, hauing been 10 months a prisoner in Boston At another tyme, forcd to lye severall dayes & nights in a Swam[p] in Maryland, when Col<sup>t</sup> Copley was Gon<sup>r</sup> to escape being made S<sup>t</sup> tho. Laurence his fellow prisoner or worfe & now nigh 9 months in this Country, for all which I never found any other cause then my diligence & care to follow my Instructions ; but God almighty has preferu'd me : & will enable me I hope to perfect my Survey, which if I had had a vessell to transport me would haue been sooner done & with little delay

All which is humbly Submitted  
by ED. RANDOLPH S. G.

[*Addressed*]

To the Right Hon<sup>ble</sup>  
the Lords Comm<sup>rs</sup>  
for Trade & Plantations.

[*Endorsed*]

Bermuda  
Lre from M<sup>r</sup> Randolph dated  
in Bermuda y<sup>e</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>r</sup> <sup>1699</sup>/<sub>1700</sub>  
abt his releasement out of  
Prison &c

Rec<sup>d</sup> } 29<sup>th</sup> April }  
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CLXXXI.

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RANDOLPH TO THE BOARD OF TRADE ON THE SAME SUBJECT.

*Board of Trade, Bermuda, Vol. IV.*

Burmuda, January Ultimo 1699

Copy.

May it please Your Lordshipps

This accompanys mine of the 29 Instant, in w<sup>ch</sup> I inclosed Coppys of M<sup>r</sup> Day, and his Councills Orders in Councill, of the 2<sup>d</sup> Instant, and allsoe of their Sham Commisson of the peace of the Same Date, Though in Truth, not Executed till the 24<sup>th</sup> Following, Divers of the Inhabitants, have applyed themselves to mee and to Collon<sup>l</sup> White, to take their Depositions of great Oppression And Injustice done them by M<sup>r</sup> Day and M<sup>r</sup> Nellson The Cheife Judge, by w<sup>ch</sup> they are Damaged in their Estates to a great Vallew,—but in as much as the Governour and Councill, have refused to Issue such a Commisson To my selfe Collon<sup>l</sup> White and M<sup>r</sup> Edward Jones, according to the True Intent, of their Excellencys the Lords Justices Order in Councill of the 31 of Aug<sup>t</sup> past, to M<sup>r</sup> Day : Wee hold Ourselfes not legally quallified, to Take Depositions of any Matters, Forraine from what are perticularly Expressed in their Excellencys Said Order. Wee have a flying rumour, That M<sup>r</sup> Day Will bee Comanded home, to attend his Majesty att Whitehall, to answer the Severall misdemeanors Charged And now proved upon him : w<sup>ch</sup> Doth very much trouble Some of the Suffering Inhabitants, who Will bee rewined in their Estates, and left out of all hopes of recovering their Just Dues of him ;  
if



if hee Should Goe home, and not First be Obleiged to make them Sattisfaction for their Damages upon the place, (being In Noe Capacity, to Follow and Sew him to England) Otherwise his Goeing away, Will bee More Fatall, then his Continewing in Goverment; T'is probable application, Will bee made by Some, to Succeed M<sup>r</sup> Day in the Govern<sup>mt</sup> of these Islands, They are Certainly of Such Great Import to the Crowne, as not to bee Intrusted to The Care of Neceffitous persons, as Weere Collon<sup>l</sup> Godard and Especially M<sup>r</sup> Richeires and M<sup>r</sup> Day, two broken Linnen Drapers; of Worfe Moralls; I have (my Lords) Noe prejudice to Either of them; I heartyly pittie M<sup>r</sup> Day, and forgive him his Folly to mee Tis my duty to his Majesty, and the Care I have to promote Legall Trade that Obleiges Mee to write plaine English upon this Subject I therefore humbly propose That his Majesty will bee pleased to Suspend the Sending another Governo<sup>r</sup> hither untill the Matters Charged against the preceeding Governo<sup>r</sup> Now in England be proved, and his Majesty bee thoroughly Inform<sup>d</sup> how much t'is the True Intrest of the Crown That the Inhabitants in these Islands, bee Incouraged and Supported, in their Just rights and Lawfull Trade, w<sup>th</sup>out which they Cannot longer hold out; And to the End There may in the Meane time bee no Faillure of Justice that his Majesty bee Graciously pleased To apoynt Collon<sup>l</sup> Anthony White Cap<sup>t</sup> Charles Walker, Cap<sup>t</sup> John Tucker of St Georges Cap<sup>t</sup> Thomas Harford, M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Spofferth Robert White & Major Burrows To take upon Them The p<sup>r</sup>sent Administracon of the Govern<sup>mt</sup> of These Islands, untill his Majesty Shall bee pleased Otherwise To Direct

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[*In Randolph's handwriting*] All which is humbly Submitted by ED. RANDOLPH.

*Endorfed*] Tre from M<sup>r</sup> Randolph  
to y<sup>e</sup> Board, dated y<sup>e</sup> 31<sup>th</sup> of  
Jan<sup>y</sup>  $\frac{1699}{1700}$

Rec<sup>d</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> }  
Read 28<sup>th</sup> } May 1700 .

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CLXXXII.

RANDOLPH TO THE BOARD OF TRADE ON THE SAME SUBJECT.

*Board of Trade, Bermuda, Vol. IV.*

Bermuda : Feb<sup>y</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 1699

May it please y<sup>r</sup> Lord<sup>sh</sup><sup>ps</sup>

It was y<sup>e</sup> 24 of Jan<sup>y</sup> past before wee had a Commiffion from M<sup>r</sup> Day & his Councill (such as it is) to receiue Depositions vpon Oath to proue ye matters Complained of & represented in y<sup>r</sup> Lord<sup>sh</sup><sup>ps</sup> Report of y<sup>e</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> of July to their Excell<sup>ts</sup> the Lords Justices: Altho' by their Excell<sup>ts</sup> Order in Councill of the 31 of Aug<sup>t</sup> any One of vs, therein mentioned are directed & required to receiue such Depositions: yet wee went to S<sup>t</sup> Georges Town on the last day of of the s<sup>d</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> where M<sup>r</sup> Jones dwells, as did also divers who liue in y<sup>e</sup> Country, on purpose, that he, being a Stranger, and (as wee hoped) an Impartiall man, might be present & ioine with vs in receiving

ing their Depositions: who were then Sworn before vs all: & all of vs did then atest them: which were presently delivered to Cap<sup>t</sup> Gilbert (bound to Barbados) to be transmitted to y<sup>r</sup> Lord<sup>sh<sup>ps</sup></sup> pursuant to their Excell<sup>ty</sup> Said Order. After wee had perfected the depositions M<sup>r</sup> Jones demanded to haue Copyes; which wee were vnwilling to grant not finding that we are by their Excell<sup>ty</sup> Order Commanded so to do: besides wee did foresee that wee should thereby expose severall of the Depon<sup>ts</sup> to y<sup>e</sup> Malice & Oppressiō of M<sup>r</sup> Day: who is strictly charged by the said Order (to vse No illegall & indirect practices to hinder M<sup>r</sup> Jō: Dickinson, or any other person from repairing to Eng<sup>d</sup> in order to cleering vp the s<sup>d</sup> Matters) but they who go about to proue those matters here run themselues into a Goal if it can be made appeare they haue Sworn ag<sup>t</sup> him: and they must lye there, during his & M<sup>r</sup> Nelsons (the cheife Judge) his pleasure, yet, never the lesse, that M<sup>r</sup> Day might haue no pretence to protract the tyme (his last shift) thereby to avoide sending his answere in writing, to all such matters as shall be be [*sc*] objected ag<sup>t</sup> him, wee (soon after) drew vp a paper (whereof the inclosed is a Duplicate) containing the Matters of fact proved ag<sup>t</sup> him in the said Depositions, & communicated it to M<sup>r</sup> Jones to haue him sign it & ioine in the delivery to y<sup>e</sup> Gon<sup>l</sup>: he refused; but wee presented it y<sup>e</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> instant which is 6 or 7 weekes before any vessell will be ready to Sayle from hence to Eng<sup>d</sup>.

M<sup>r</sup> Jones being the Sec<sup>ry</sup> & provost Marshall of these Is<sup>lds</sup> (Offices inconsistent to be intrusted in one person & vnder the Gon<sup>l</sup> check) is therefore necessitated to Court his favour, otherwise he would make little benefitt of his places.

Neither

Neither permitted to execute either of them vntill he had giuen 1000<sup>l</sup> Security (at least) for his faithfull discharge (as has been done by his predeceffors, but the Gon<sup>r</sup> Connives, tho' aganst the Sense of the Inhabitants, who are greatly dissatisfied, That the Records of all their Eftates should lye in the Hands of a Stranger vntill Secured by sufficient Bonds. and from hence it is that M<sup>r</sup> Jones has obstructed the maine End for which y<sup>e</sup> Commission was intended: besides he has told vs, that he cannot act with safety to himselfe, because (being by his Office of Provost Marshall the Sheriffe) he is finable 500<sup>l</sup> if he acts as a Justice of the peace during his being Sheriffe.

All which is humbly Submitted

By ED RANDOLPH

ANTHONY WHITE

*[All in Randolph's handwriting, except the signature A. White]*

*[Addressed]* To the Right Hon<sup>ble</sup>  
the Lordes Comm<sup>rs</sup>  
for Trade & plantations  
at Whitehall

*[Endorsed]* Tre from M<sup>r</sup> Randolph &  
Col<sup>l</sup> White to the Board  
date in Bermuda the 20<sup>th</sup>  
of Feb<sup>r</sup> <sup>1699</sup>/<sub>1700</sub>

Rec<sup>d</sup> 24 }  
Read 28 } May. 1700

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## CLXXXIII.

RANDOLPH TO BLATHWAYT ON THE SAME SUBJECT.

*Collection of the Rev. W. T. Blathwayt.*Hon<sup>d</sup> S<sup>r</sup>:Bermuda: febr<sup>y</sup> 22: 99:.

I heard it discourfd soon after my arrivall here . That y<sup>e</sup> sloop<sup>oo</sup> Happy Jane of these Islands Jonas Clay M<sup>r</sup> was bound from hence with provisions etc: to Barbados. twas reported that she did belong to M<sup>r</sup> Richier & was fitted out on purpose to carry him off, but prevented, by her being seized & condemnd: she & her loding were apprizd at = 325<sup>l</sup> 9<sup>s</sup> part of the provisions were shippd to Caracaw by Coll Goddards directions with the assistance of Stephen Crow his sheriffe & Thomas Brooks his Nephew: he turnd M<sup>r</sup> Samuell Trott (then Collector of y<sup>e</sup> Customs) out of his place & appointed Brooks the Officer in his Room: who received the returns of those provisions in Holland Manufacture.

I suppose Coll: Goddard has not giuen the R: Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Lords of the Treasury nor to your selfe any account of the sum of 325<sup>l</sup> 9<sup>s</sup>: for which he is Debtor to his Ma<sup>ty</sup> but has done as his predecessors S<sup>r</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Robinson & M<sup>r</sup> Richeir & this present Gon<sup>r</sup> gett all his Ma<sup>ties</sup> money into their hands: as if it were one cheife part of their duty to defraud his Ma<sup>ty</sup> of his Right: & oppresse his subjects:

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<sup>oo</sup> For a full account (Goddard's see *Calendar of State Papers, America* version) of the affair of the Happy Jane, and *West Indies*, 1697, no. 1374.



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I know not wheither these Islands are included in y<sup>r</sup> Hon<sup>rs</sup> Grant of Auditor Gen<sup>l</sup> of his Ma<sup>ties</sup> Revennue in the plantations. if so: Tis absolutely necessary that you appoint a Deputy to inspect & audite all M<sup>r</sup> Dayes accounts: which, by the inclosed Copy of part of his Ma<sup>ties</sup> Instructions to the Gon<sup>l</sup> of those Islands he is to transmitt home etc: as also what publick money has been Raised & how disposed of, by the former Gon<sup>l</sup>

I cannot inform my selfe how the present Gon<sup>l</sup> has observed that part of his Instructions: but know that he has such an Awe vpon those appointed amongst themselves to that purpose that they will allow & passe any accounts that he proposes to them:

I do therefore recommend to yr favour M<sup>r</sup> Samuell Spofferth a man of integrity & of a very good estate in these Islands, (one of the Assistants at y<sup>e</sup> tryall of the Happy Jape) to be your Deputy Auditor: which Office he will discharg with zeal & diligence:

I am ready to imbarck for Providence where One Read Elding (a known & late pyratt) is the Gon<sup>l</sup> my humble service to M<sup>r</sup> Povey & his lady: to Madam Blathwayt & to y<sup>e</sup> young Gen<sup>l</sup> your sons: & to the little lady their sister Wishing continuance of health and happines I remaine in all duty

your most obliged humble seru<sup>t</sup>

ED RANDOLPH:

I haue desired M<sup>r</sup> Spofferth to send herewith to your Hon<sup>rs</sup> an account of the publick money M<sup>r</sup> Day has gott into his hands

hands since his coming into y<sup>e</sup> Gom<sup>t</sup> of these vnfortunate  
Islands. E: R:

[*Endorsed*] Deputy in y<sup>e</sup> Bermudas  
To the Hon<sup>ble</sup>  
M<sup>r</sup> Blathwayt.  
From M<sup>r</sup> Randolph  
Cap Goddard D<sup>r</sup> for £ 325 : 9<sup>s</sup> for the sloop happy Jane  
seized & condemned  
A Dep<sup>y</sup> Auditer there neceff<sup>y</sup> He recomends  
M Samuel Spoffierth for that traf [?]

## CLXXXIV.

RANDOLPH TO THE BOARD OF TRADE ON THE SAME SUBJECT.

*Board of Trade, Bermuda, Vol. IV.*

Bermuda Feb<sup>y</sup> 23: 1699

May it please y<sup>r</sup> Lord<sup>ships</sup>.

I am now hastning to Providence & North Carolina:  
where I am sure his Ma<sup>ties</sup> affaires haue long Since called for  
me. I leaue this place in as ill a Condition in relation to  
Gom<sup>t</sup> as I found it, M<sup>r</sup> Day not conforming to his Ma<sup>ties</sup> In-  
structions for the Government of these Islands holds on his  
Old way of Arbitrary proceedings he is a little more  
Cautious but as absolute as ever.

In my letters of y<sup>e</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> & 31 of Jan<sup>y</sup> past I humbly rep-  
resented to y<sup>r</sup> Lord<sup>ships</sup> what has been already done in pursu-  
ance of their Excell<sup>ies</sup> the Lords Justices Order in Councill, &  
that I haue transmitted the depositions to y<sup>r</sup> Lord<sup>ships</sup> via  
Barbados, Duplicates whereof I now Send by this Opportun-  
ity

ity: which I heare will be accompanied by severall Articles exhibited by the poor distressed Inhabitants ag<sup>t</sup> the present Gon<sup>r</sup> taken privately by the Justices of the peace whose Eyes are now open & are now Convinced of the great Calamities the Country Groans vnder thro' the Oppression of M<sup>r</sup> Day.

Col<sup>t</sup>. White (whose diligence & zeal to Serve his Ma<sup>ty</sup> has rendred obnoxious to M<sup>r</sup> Day) will not act in y<sup>e</sup> Quality of a Justice of the peace because the Gon<sup>r</sup> & Councill haue refused to issue a Commission according as is directed by their Excell<sup>ty</sup> Said Order least, by taking depositions not immediately relating to the matters contained & limited in their Commission he becomes the Subiect of M<sup>r</sup> Dayes Hatred & Iniustice.

I haue notice of a materiall Affidavitt Made by Jonathan Ward privately taken before his Death: he was M<sup>r</sup> Dayes Confident & Came heither with him, & was preferd to be the Sheriffe & Provost Martiall by him of these Islands, but was Soon turned out of his office because he would not Execute M<sup>r</sup> Dayes illegall & arbitrary Commands: I beleive Col<sup>t</sup> White will take care to transmitt that & other Depositions to y<sup>r</sup> Lordsh<sup>ps</sup> by the next shipping from hence.

I haue left a draft of these Islands & of the Island of Caraw with M<sup>r</sup> Sammuell Spofferth the established Collector of the Customs here with orders to send them to y<sup>r</sup> Lordsh<sup>ps</sup> they are true done, especially that of these Islands: which shews the Harbors & great benefitt they are to the Crown & also the absolute Necessity of preserving them from being Surprized by an Enemy: I haue not tyme to offer a particuler discourse to your Lordsh<sup>ps</sup> vpon this Subject, of So great Import to the Crown: I heartily wish the Continuance



ance & prosperity of all his Ma<sup>ties</sup> forain Plantations: but am of Opinion that Neither Barbados nor Jamaica can Countereacte the losse of this place being the key to all his Ma<sup>ties</sup> other plantations as well those in the West Indies as all the Colonies & provinces on the Continent of America: where if these Islands were in the Hand of an Enemy no vessell could go Out or in to y<sup>e</sup> Capes of Virginia not lying aboue 250 leagues W. N. W. from hence but would be taken & the Great Revennue of Customs of tobacco be wholly lost.

I do now & haue formerly transmitted to y<sup>r</sup> Lordsh<sup>ps</sup> the Record of the proceedings of the County Court (holden at the flatts in these Islands on ye 13 of July past) ag<sup>t</sup> me: where Thomas Burton esq<sup>r</sup>: One of the Justices of the peace & Soliciter Gen<sup>l</sup> was the Cheife Profecutor: he comes over to Eng<sup>d</sup> in the vessell by which this with all my other papers are sent. It would be some Satisfaction to me: & Certainly a great discovery to y<sup>r</sup>. Lordsh<sup>ps</sup> if he were Summoned to appeare before y<sup>r</sup> Lordsh<sup>ps</sup> & required to Shew for what cause I was fined 50<sup>l</sup> & vpon what Statute they proceeded: & committed me to prison till I had paid the fine: he will confesse the whole intreague: if pressd hard to giue direct answears.

All which is humbly Submitted  
by ED. RANDOLPH.

[*Endorsed*]

To the R. Hon<sup>ble</sup>  
the Lords Comm<sup>rs</sup> for  
Trade at Whitehall.  
with a Draft of the  
Islands of Bermuda  
& Carafaw.

Bermuda

Bermuda

Letter from M<sup>r</sup>. Randolph of  
the 23<sup>th</sup> Febr<sup>y</sup> <sup>1699</sup>/<sub>1700</sub> w<sup>th</sup> Acc<sup>t</sup>  
of his departure thence towards his  
other Charge, Of M<sup>r</sup>. Day's Car-  
riage since Orders receivd, Of  
M<sup>r</sup>. Ward's Affidavit, Of the  
importance of those Islands  
And of M<sup>r</sup>. Burton his chief Pro-  
secutor now going over.

Recd 7 June 1700

Read 11<sup>th</sup> Ditto

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CLXXXV.

RANDOLPH TO THE BOARD OF TRADE ON THE STATE OF  
THE BAHAMAS.

*Boards of Trade, Proprieties*, Vol. V. p. 281.

New Providence March. 11 : 99

May it please y<sup>r</sup> Lordsh<sup>ps</sup>:

I sett out from Bermuda in a New, but very Small Sloop  
of 30 foot by ye Keel ye 2 instant for these Islands, & in 3 or  
4 hours after wee broak Ground, run vpon a Rock & beat 5  
or 6 hours which made vs very leaky wee endeavoured to  
gett into a harbour to Stop our leaks but were forced to  
Sea & ply our pumps till our arrivall here the 10<sup>th</sup> instant.

Read Elding (of whom I haue wrote y<sup>r</sup> Lordsh<sup>ps</sup> in some  
of my former letters) has ye Gom<sup>t</sup> by a Deputation from Col<sup>t</sup>.

Webb

Webb. & commissiion at his going to Pensilvania he & 3 more Masters of Vessells with Commissiions from Webb vnder pretence to Suppress Pyracie & take one Kelly who had taken Some Vessells forcd Edwards, Master of a Briganteen belonging to Boston to leaue his vessell & shift for his life, with his men & one Negro woman (beleiving twas Kelly with his Conforts) which Read Elding James Risby . . . Humble & . . . Groombridge (now at Phyladelphia) brought heither seized & condemnd & shared her money amongst them.

Tis a remarkable Story the Owners (living here were vpon her being brought in) were vpon a Sham pretence Clapd vp in close imprisonm<sup>t</sup> till Webb & his Harpyes had gott the Briganteen Condemnd, by which they were not able to appeare at the Court to plead in defence of their Vessell. I shall by a safe conveyance from hence make a perticuler Narratiue of the whole proceedings with all the materiall Vouchers to shew to y<sup>r</sup> Lordsh<sup>ps</sup> & to the world the great Mischeifes which are done to his Ma<sup>ties</sup> good Subjects by most vicious & Scandalous fellows who by some way or other make an Interest to gett into Gom<sup>t</sup>

Were the L<sup>ds</sup> proprietors Strictly obligd by Bond to make reparation for all the damages & ruins they bring vpon his Ma<sup>ties</sup> Subjects by their negligence & imprudent choice they make of persons to send ouer to be Gon<sup>rs</sup> in the Severall proprietyes, they would either make a better choice or Submitt their Countrys to his Ma<sup>ties</sup> immediate Gom<sup>t</sup>

All which is humbly represented

By ED. RANDOLPH.

Lords Comm<sup>rs</sup> for Trade.

[Addressed]

[*Addressed*] To the Right Hon<sup>ble</sup>  
the Lords Comm<sup>rs</sup> for Trade  
at Whitehall  
humbly present.

[*Endorsed*] Bahama Isl<sup>ds</sup>  
Lre from M<sup>r</sup> Randolph to y<sup>e</sup>  
Board dated at Providence  
y<sup>e</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> March  $\frac{1699}{1700}$   
Rec<sup>d</sup> June 24<sup>th</sup> }  
Read July 25 } 1700  
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[*All in Randolph's handwriting except the endorsement*]

CLXXXVI.

RANDOLPH TO THE BOARD OF TRADE ON THE SAME SUBJECT.

*Board of Trade, Proprieties*, Vol. V. p. 287.

New Providence March 25<sup>th</sup> 1700.

May it please y<sup>r</sup> Lord<sup>ships</sup>.

I arrived here in 8 dayes from Bermuda, where at our first putting to Sea wee run our Sloop vpon the Rocks & Sprung such a leake that wee were forced to pump night & day to keep her aboue water; till our landing, then bringing her vpon the Carden wee found about 14 inches of a found Ceder plank droue in & So Shattred by that Stroke vpon the Rocks, That twas Gods Great mercy wee were not all loft.

I am I thank God in health, but not recovered of the lamenes I got in Goal at Bermuda from whence, as also via  
Barbados

Barbados I humbly tranſmitted ſeverall depositions & papers in anſwear to y<sup>r</sup> Lordſ<sup>ſ</sup> Commands received in December paſt. I landed the 10 inſtant & finding M<sup>r</sup> Read Elding (tho' illegally got) actually in the poſſeſſion of the Gom<sup>t</sup> the next day (after ſome debate had with him) I adminiſtered to him the Oath purſuant to the A<sup>c</sup>t for preventing frauds etc; Tho ſeverall objections were at that tyme made to ye Contrary, viz. That he aſſumed ye Gom<sup>t</sup> by vertue of an illegal Commiſſion Clandeſtinely obtained from Webb, Copy where of N<sup>o</sup> 1 is encloded, being alſo Contrary to the Lords Proprietors Inſtructions which direct the Method of appointing another Gon<sup>t</sup> in caſe of the death or departure of y<sup>r</sup> preſent. N<sup>o</sup> 2 beſides Webb went away on a Suddaine to phyladelphia, not hauing firſt adviſed with the Councill nor had the conſent of any One of them about his appointing Elding his deputy, which was not known to any of them till Webb was vnder Sayle. So that y<sup>e</sup> Gom<sup>t</sup> is of Right inveſted in M<sup>r</sup> Richard Peterſon a lords Deputy & the firſt in Councill: but they finding y<sup>e</sup> Inhabitants devided & ready to caſt off all Gom<sup>t</sup> choſe rather to Sitt Still then hazard y<sup>e</sup> peace of the Country & expect the L<sup>d</sup>s proprietors directions in that matter

But the cheife thing before I gaue the Oath that I ſcrupled at, was, That Elding vnder pretence of a Commiſſion to him from Webb to apprehend pyrats etc: N<sup>o</sup> 3 chaſed a Briganteen belonging to Boſton John Edwards M<sup>r</sup> & pyratically ſeized her & her loading (as by y<sup>e</sup> M<sup>r</sup>s Depoſition N<sup>o</sup> 4 appeares) Webb Elding & y<sup>e</sup> others to whom he had given the like Commiſſions ſhared y<sup>e</sup> money they found aboard.

Elding does not onely braue it out vpon the Commiſſion  
Webb

Webb gaue him to be L<sup>t</sup> Gon<sup>r</sup> but Supports himself in y<sup>e</sup> lawfulness of y<sup>e</sup> other Commission N<sup>o</sup> 3 to take pyrates, but Setts a very high value vpon his Services by the accidentall Seizing Hind y<sup>e</sup> pyrate & afterwards Executing 6 of his accomplices. Hind & 4 of his men were Surprized vpon an Island 10 or 12 leagues from hence by a Bermuda man, the 30 others were taken by chance & executed also, but One of the foure hauing nothing proved ag<sup>t</sup> him was dischargd & sent by Elding to Cutt Logwood at Campeach run away & beleiuēs his good services ag<sup>t</sup> Hind etc. will Expiate for his own piracy vpon Edwards.

Hee a day or two ago caned M<sup>r</sup> Gower a Lords Deputy most severely & keeps him in prison for questioning his power to appoint a Judge to try ye Pyrates a thing questioned by all the Lords Deputyes. their Lord<sup>sh</sup>ps at home are very Carelesse & ignorant of their Own Interest & of the Good of the Inhabitants, tho many Complaints vpon iust grounds are made to their Lord<sup>sh</sup>ps humbly praying Reliefe yet they take no Notice of it: nor of the most arbitrary Gom.<sup>ts</sup> of Trott & Webb, neither of the late action done by Elding ag<sup>t</sup> Edwards, which they had notice of (as by a Copy of their Lord<sup>sh</sup>ps letter to Webb N<sup>o</sup> 5 appears) where in they discourse him very indifferently vpon that matter. those Inhabitants are dayly more vnsettled & will giue little Credit to what their Lord<sup>sh</sup>ps Say or promise them they will do for their Encouragem<sup>t</sup> when at the Same tyme they Sell & dispose of their privileges for very inconsiderable Sums, as Hog Island lying to the Northward of Providence which makes the Harbour. tis after after Severall Grants & Confirmations thereof to the Inhabitants sold to M<sup>r</sup> Trott  
for

for 50<sup>d</sup> as appeares by paper N<sup>o</sup> 6 to the vtter ruine to the Inhabitants of this town. Their Lord<sup>sh</sup> haue likewise granted away the Royalty of the whale fishing & a great part of the Island of Abbico to One Dudgeon (lately Sec<sup>ry</sup> & Marshall of Bermuda, a Sort of Stockjobber) for 30 yeares as appears vpon Record here, Neither do they regard into whose hands the Gom<sup>t</sup> of these Islands Comes. I am well informed that for more then 7 yeares last past Seldome lesse then 4 known p<sup>y</sup>rates haue been of y<sup>e</sup> Councill

I brought heither Commissions to persons vpon the place to be Officers in the Court of Admiralty here, but all of them (except Ellis Lightwood the intended Judge) are either dead or removed, I find him an ill man & was a busy promoter of oppression in Trotts & Webbs tyme, as appears by the Records of y<sup>e</sup> Courts in which he was Judge: besides he is the Onely Security for Bridgman alias Everys appearing here when demanded, in one bond of 1000<sup>d</sup> & also for 10 or 12 of his Company in a like bond of 1000<sup>d</sup> for Each of their appearance: So that I haue Suspended the delivery of the Commission to him for that reason. Tis expected that Orders will be directed to Some persons here to putt those bonds in Suite (twill deterr others) the Securityes haue gott a great deal of money: I know no man So fitt for that Service as M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Walker: as to M<sup>r</sup> Warren the Attorney Gen<sup>l</sup> he is Security also for Some of Everys men. Parker One of that Gang is married to Eldings Own Sister, now in town. His Ma<sup>ty</sup> will haue little Justice done him by Elding & others of his party who bear all the Sway here. Webb was directed & proved an apt Scholler vnder Trotts discipline & advise Elding writes after his Copy &  
Expects

Expects to be made y<sup>e</sup> Gon<sup>r</sup> by which appears the deplorable & miserable Conditions the poor afflicted Inhabitants haue lived in from the tyme of their resettlement after they were droue off & destroyed in y<sup>e</sup> yeare 1680 by the Spanniards who watch an opportunity to do the like againe. The Lords proprietors laid out money & sent ouer a few arms with Some ammunition to the value of 36 od money sterl. towards the defence of ye Country. after all their charg their fort is not serviceable, certainly the Inhabitants will either desert the place or Submit to any foraine power that will protect them.

The Interest & the affaires here between the Lords & the Inhabitants are So different & distracted that it will require a long tyme to bring them to a Right vnderstanding, from the Consideration whereof, I humbly propose that his Ma<sup>ty</sup> will please to require Read Elding to answear in England for his pyracy ag<sup>t</sup> Edwards, and further that in the mean tyme till there be a Compleat settlement in this & all other the proprieties, that his Ma<sup>ty</sup> be pleased to direct his Commission to Thomas Walker Esq<sup>r</sup> an ingenuous man, One of the Lords Deputyes to be the president, & to Richard Peterfon a Deputy, Isaac Rush Richard Tollefero Thomas Williams Martin Cook Samuell Frith Perient Trott Jeremiah Wells & John Bethell Gent: to be the Councill & to take vpon them the adminstration of the Gom<sup>t</sup> of these Islands (being all of them Settled Inhabitants) during his Ma<sup>ty</sup>s pleasure or otherwise as his Ma<sup>ty</sup> shall please to direct.

I haue the promise of an Exact draft of these Islands & of the Fort & the Harbour of this town, but being presently bound to Carolina in my return to Bermuda, I haue recommended the care thereof to M<sup>r</sup> Walker who will make it his buines



busines to see them exactly drawn ; & transmitt them with  
a Compleat narrative thereof to y<sup>r</sup> Lord<sup>ships</sup>.

All which is humbly Submitted  
by ED. RANDOLPH S. G.

[*Addressed*] To the R. Hon<sup>ble</sup>  
the Lords Comm<sup>rs</sup>  
for Trade

[*Endorsed*] Bahama Islands  
Lre from M<sup>r</sup> Randolph to y<sup>r</sup>  
Board giving acc<sup>t</sup> of Elding  
the Gov<sup>r</sup> the disorders there  
the weaknes of the place &c  
Dated the 25<sup>th</sup> March 1700

Rec<sup>d</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> }  
Read 25<sup>th</sup> } July 1700

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[*All in Randolph's handwriting except the endorsement*].

# CLXXXVII.

## RANDOLPH TO POPPLE ON THE SAME SUBJECT.

*Board of Trade, Proprieties, Vol. V. p. 307.*

S<sup>r</sup>

Carolina May 16<sup>th</sup> 1700

In mine of the 25 March past I wrote you from Providence  
Via Jamaica, that I arrived there the 10<sup>th</sup> of that Month,  
after a very great Preservation from Foundring by a leak  
we

we gott on the Rocks at Bermuda about 4 houres after we broake ground.

This humbly represents that haueing Seen Severall of the Bahama Islands in my Passage from Providence, I landed here the 10<sup>th</sup> Inft. I left those Islands in a Very Unfettled Condition the Lords Prop<sup>r</sup> being wholly unacquainted with their true Interest & benefitt being actuated p M<sup>r</sup> Amy & M<sup>r</sup> Thornton ther cheif Managers.

That vast Territory lyes unimproved which if under his Maj<sup>ty</sup> Govern<sup>t</sup> & directions would bring in a Vast yearly revenue to the Crown: You may please to remember in my Generall discours — which I humbly presented to y<sup>r</sup> Board a little before my leaving England that I shewed the design of the Govern<sup>r</sup> of these Islands (who goe over worth little or nothing) was to defraud his Maj<sup>ty</sup> of his Dutyes & the Lords Propriet<sup>r</sup> of their Perquisites and to Enrich themselves by all unjust Practices. I mentioned M<sup>r</sup> Trott as Cheif, all which & a great deal more I soon found veryfyed of him. The Inhabitants are petitioning to be freed from the arbitrary Govern<sup>t</sup> of the Lords & their agents.

M<sup>r</sup> Trott has marryed M<sup>r</sup> Amy's Daughter, their Lordsp<sup>r</sup> by M<sup>r</sup> Amy's Perswasion haue sold M<sup>r</sup> Trott Hogg Island which makes Providence Harbour for £50: to the ruine of the Inhabitants in the Town of Providence Island.

I find in this Province their Lordp<sup>r</sup> by misinformaçon have at least made choice of very Naughty menn to be their Dep<sup>ty</sup> and cheif in the adminiftraçon and to the great discouragem<sup>t</sup> of this most thriving Settlement in these parts of America, And indeed how can it be Otherwise when they give Creditt to none but those that defraud & delude them.

There

There are many Pyratts in the Gulph of Florida, three Masters belonging to Bermuda are here, who had their Veffells taken by them, I narrowly Escaped One that day I arrived here, the Spaniards encourage them, the Frygatts lye in Harbour, and all Trade will in a little time to these parts of the World be deftroyd thereby.

I haue many things of moment to represent to the Lords but haue not Opportunity, neither am able to Sett to writing being lame in my Left knee with lying the whole time upon the Deck, the fateagues & hardſp: I Suffer for want of a Frygott are not to be told, I onely Endure them, I am Endeavouring to gett to Bermuda, where I expect to receive Letters from England, and afterwards to looke into that Place called a Proprietary Govern: in North Carolina.

I Entreat the favour of you to preſent my Moſt humble Duty to all the Lords at your Board, I hope their Lordſp: will pleaſe to move that if a Veffell be not already Ordred for my Transport, there may be Orders ſent me from the Admiralty to hire One in Bermuda at Reaſonable Termes, for that Service which will with good Huſbandry be done at leſs than half the charge of One from England, Therein you will Oblidge

Y: Humb<sup>le</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

[fgd]

ED. RANDOLPH

[*Adreſſed*]

To ye Hon<sup>ble</sup> M: Popple Secy<sup>t</sup>

att y<sup>e</sup> Plantation Office

In

Whitehall

Humbly p<sup>r</sup>ſent

[*Endorſed*]

[*Endorsed*]      Tre from M<sup>r</sup> Randolph to y<sup>e</sup>  
 Sec<sup>y</sup> dated in Carolina the 16<sup>th</sup>  
 of May 1700  
 Rec<sup>d</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> July } 1700  
 Read 25<sup>th</sup> Ditto }

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CLXXXVIII.

RANDOLPH TO THE BOARD OF TRADE ON THE TRADE OF  
 THE BAHAMAS.

*Board of Trade, Proprieties, Vol. V. p. 375.*

Charles Town in Carolina May 27<sup>th</sup> 1700

May it Please y<sup>r</sup> Lord<sup>sh</sup>

In mine of the 16 Inst. to M<sup>r</sup> Secretary Popple by Cap<sup>t</sup> Taylor I wrote him that I was arrived here the 10 Inst. from Providence, & that I had wrote to your Lordp<sup>s</sup> from thence Via Jamaica, incloseing Severall Papers relateing to Read Elding the present Dep<sup>y</sup> Govern<sup>r</sup> takeing and bringing in as Prize the Briganteen Bahama Merchant of Boston into Providence Harbour, which I hope is rec<sup>d</sup> The Inhabitants are alarmd upon the apprehension that the Spanjards of the Havannah will drive them off from their New Settlements, The Walls of the Fort at Providence, next the Harbour are Levell with the ground.

I humbly Inclose a Copy of Thomas Smith's Deposition by which it appears the Govern<sup>r</sup> of the Havanah Entertaines & protects the Pyrates, which haue lately taken Severall Vessells

Veffells in the Gulf of Florida, as alfo 2 Letters from Read Elding the Dp<sup>y</sup> Govern<sup>t</sup>

By the Inclofed Lift taken out of this Cufstome houfe it appears that notwithstanding the Severity of the Spanjards ufed to all Mafters and others who have Loggwood aboard, that they have brought 260 Tonns from the 25<sup>th</sup> of Jan<sup>y</sup> past, to the 26<sup>th</sup> of Aprill following all which is fhiped off for London, They have now found out the true Way of rayfeing a hulking Rice, there has been above 300 Tunns Shiped this year to England, befides about 30 Tunns more to the Iflands, They are very much Improved in makeing Silk & Every Body has planted Mulberry Trees, to Feed their Wormes — they work very kindly, and if the Country were put under his Maj<sup>ty</sup> Immediate Govern<sup>t</sup> this would Soon be the moft thriveing Plantaçon upon the Continent.

[*In Randolph's own hand-writing; alfo the P. S.*] All which is humbly Submitted by ED RANDOLPH

I am haftning to Bermuda tho my lamenes continues.

[*Addressed*] The Lords Comm<sup>rs</sup>  
for Trade  
humbly prefent

[*Endorfed*] Lre from M<sup>r</sup> Randolph to  
the Board about ye Gov<sup>t</sup> of Hava-  
nah's protecting Pirates who rob  
in y<sup>e</sup> Gulf — Depofition & Letters on  
y<sup>t</sup> fubject fent — Lift from y<sup>e</sup> Cufstome  
houfe in Carolina fent wherein w<sup>t</sup> quantity of Log-  
wood imported — Improvem<sup>t</sup> of Rice  
& Silk in that Plantation Dated  
at Charles Town in Carolina 27<sup>th</sup> May  
1700

CLXXXIX.

RANDOLPH'S ACCOUNT OF THE BERMUDAS.

*Board of Trade, Bermuda, Vol. IV.*

The Right Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Lords Comm<sup>rs</sup> for Trade  
A paper Humbly presented Shewing the State of  
Bermuda or Summer Islands.

The Islands of Bermuda Lye in 25 & 15 N. L So Conveniently that they protect and Secure the Trade from England to all his Maj<sup>ty</sup> plantations on the Continent of America and Caribde Islands, So Long as they Continue in the Crown of England but if they be over taken by Supprize or Otherwise by the French or Dutch which may Easily be done at this time with 500 Men they will Command all the Trade in those parts of the world which if So will not be Soon Retaken they were upon their first Settlement under a Govern<sup>r</sup> and Company as formerly Virginia was and Devided into 8 Tribes or Parishes Each Tribe was Devided into 25 Shares and every Share into 25 Acers and the Spare Land Lying neer the Fresh water in every Tribe was ordered to be Laid out for Building of houses and for Gardens and other Easments to be Adjoyned to them that the people might Inhabite more Comfortly as in Towns.

The Company Resided always in London and did Sometimes Send them over a Govern<sup>r</sup> and Sometimes appoynted one of the Inhabitants to be their Govern<sup>r</sup> who greatly Oppressed them takeing their Lands from them without a Judge or Jury &c, Infomuch that upon makeing their Oppressions and Complaints appear to his Maj<sup>ty</sup> King Cha: 2<sup>d</sup> their  
Charter

Charter was Vacated and those Islands put under his Maj<sup>ty</sup> Immediate Government.

S<sup>r</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Robinson was appoynted their Gov<sup>r</sup> by Comm<sup>ns</sup> under the great Seal of England with Sufficient Salary for his Support he put in all his Officers makeing Rich. Ashworth a Blacksmith his Navall Officer and Afterwards the High Sheriff of those Islands and Terrill a waterman Cap<sup>t</sup> of the forts.

He Turned M<sup>r</sup> Trott the Collect<sup>r</sup> of his Maj<sup>ty</sup> Customes out of his Office & Imprisoned him 6 weeks in the Castle (by his own Arbitrary Warrant) as by a Coppy thereof Hereunto Humbly Annexed does appear & made . Tho: Burton a Stranger and of no Estate to be the Collect<sup>r</sup> in his Roome saying the Comm<sup>ns</sup> of his Maj<sup>ty</sup> Customes had no power to Appoynt their Officer where his Maj<sup>ty</sup> had sent a Govern<sup>r</sup> Inlikemanner did all the succeeding Govern<sup>rs</sup> putting Strangers in all the places of trust and Neglected the men of the Best Estates fitt for those Employments and born in the Country :

But M<sup>r</sup> Day Exceeded them in all manner of Oppressions & Injustice he Turned the Best men of parts and good Estates out of y<sup>e</sup> Councill and Imprisoned them.

The Names of the former and of the present Members of the Councill :

Colt Anth : White	}	{	Gilbert Nelson Esq <sup>r</sup>
Capt. Cha : Walker			W <sup>m</sup> Outerbride Esq <sup>r</sup>
Capt Tho : Harford.			Jn <sup>o</sup> Brooks Esq <sup>r</sup>
Robt White Esq <sup>r</sup> .			Capt Rich Penistone
Capt Micha Burrows			Robert White Esq <sup>r</sup>
Capt. Rich Penistone	}	{	Capt. Micha Burrows
Sam <sup>n</sup> Trott Esq <sup>r</sup>			Jn <sup>o</sup> Sherlock Esq <sup>r</sup>
			There

There are about 1500 families in Bermuda

The Militia Consists of Nigh 1000 men Able to have Arms they were formerly Commanded by Col<sup>t</sup> White Turned out by M<sup>r</sup> Day there are likewise 9 Capt with other Military Officers they Generally are well Armed:

There is one Chapple at S<sup>t</sup> Georges were M<sup>r</sup> Kendall a Church of England man is the Minister:

And 8 Parish Churches Some whereof haue Gleablands M<sup>r</sup> Foule an Independent preacher is Itinerant from one Church to Another M<sup>r</sup> Day Receives the proffitt of the Gleabs and the Lands given for publick Schooles and has taken to his own use a great part of the Church plate &c., as by the paper N<sup>o</sup> 2 Humbly Annexed does Appear:

2 Practioners of Phyfick

It hath three convenient Harbours the Tide at the Spring Rises 4 or 5 foot

1 Town Harbour where is 16 foot at high water the Entrance is Secured with Two Small forts Built upon Two Rocks that to the Northward is called Queens fort where are Seven Guns mounted lately Commanded by Capt Len: White the other to the Southward Called Smiths fort has about 6 Guns it is very much out of Repair

Castle Harbours has 18 foot at high water that is Secured by a good Castle on an Island on the South west Side of the Entrance where are 28 Iron and 2 Brafs Guns mounted it was Commanded by Capt. Jn<sup>o</sup> Peafely a man of a good Estate and Native well quallified for that Trust but Turned out by M<sup>r</sup> Day and put in the hands of M<sup>r</sup> Jones the Provost Marshall:

1. There is on the Other fide of the Entrance a Battery of About 10 Guns upon an Island Also:



2. There is a Breft Worke at St. Georges Town with 9 Guns which secured the Veffells at an Anchor in the Harbour:

3. Elyes Harbour at the west end of the Islands it has 14 foot at High water the Entrance is difficult and used only by Small Veffells it is Secured by a Small fort having foure Guns.

170 Navigators able to take charge of Veffells and carry them to most known places of Trade

50 Shipp Wrights.

5 Smith forges for Shipp worke.

76 Veffells Built in the Country and all of Ceder of which 4 are Ships of about 100 Tuns.

6 Briganteens from 40 to 60 Tuns.

60 Sloops from 30 to Above 40 Tuns 9 of which were Lately taken by Fardivando the pyrat.

3 or 400 Small Two Mast Boats for Fishing and other Occasion upon the Water.

500 Saylers most of them are Natives of the Islands being About 400 White men and 100 Negros & Molattos of which number Above 60 Sayle out of Jamacia and Above 30 out of Carafaw where they Manage the Trade with the Spaniards for want of Encouragement at Home.

9 Fortifications in all Some useles a good Engeneir is much want<sup>d</sup> there.

76 Guns of which not Above 10 Iron Guns are Serviceable.

Ammunition and Stores under the Court house.

There are in the Magaseen at St. Georges 38 Whole Barrells and 5 half barrells of Gunpowder when M<sup>r</sup> Day Entered upon the Govern<sup>t</sup> as I was credibly Informed the

27<sup>th</sup> Febuary Laft by Jn<sup>o</sup> Rawlings the Store Keeper but there was not Above the quantity of 3 Barrells when I left the Ifland the 13 July paft as Appears by the paper Delivered to Me by Cap<sup>t</sup> Peafely N<sup>o</sup> 2: 3:

The product and Trade of the Iflands.

The first planters made great quantitys of Tobacco moft part whereof was Brought to England Some have made Sugar, moft places in thofe Iflands very proper for it, they formerly fent great quantities of Oranges Yearly to England and to the Northorn plantations on the Continent and get Eftates: But Since the Orange Trees are blafted and their Ground Barren and Over Run in many places . with very Small Infects (which they Call Ants) they cannot Raife Indian Corn and proviffions Sufficent for their ufe but are forced to fetch it from Carolina & the Northern plantations and now they Make but Little Tobacco: So that they haue no Staple Comodity Growing upon their Iflands they Some Years Carry Fifh, Onions, and Cabages of which they haue great quantities and Sometimes Oyle to Barbabos and the Leward Iflands.

The Small Veffells goe in their Ballas and Load Salt at the Bahama Iflands or Salt Tertuda, which they Carry to Carolina &c. from whence they Bring in Return proviffion and get but Little by thofe Voyages. Others Cutt Brazelett wood at the Bahamas which they fell at Carafaw with their Sloops makeing their Returns in peices of 8 and Hollands Manufacture:

The Inhabitants haue been greatly Difcouraged by the Severities and moft unjuft proceedings of their Govern<sup>r</sup>.

1. By Imprisoning the Cheif of the Council and others at their pleasure S<sup>r</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Robinson & M<sup>r</sup> Day:

2. By Imprisoning the Officers of his Maj<sup>ty</sup> Customes and Turning them out of their places putting their Servants & Confidants &c. in their Rooms the Better to Carry on their Illegall Trade. S<sup>r</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Robinson & Coll Goddard.

3. By Seizing and Condemning Vessells which had the Misfortune to Touch upon the Rocks going out or coming into any of the Harbours Demanding Extravagant Fees and putting the Owners to great charges and Loss of Time before they can haue them of M<sup>r</sup> Day:

4. By stopping of Vessells Loaden with Onions & Cabages &c. 3 or 4 weeks und<sup>r</sup> pretence to Stay for the Gov<sup>rs</sup> Letters by which their Voyages are over Thrown.

5. By Makeing Straingers the Sheriffs and to Continue them Severall years in that Office who after they haue done many unlawful things to the Inhabitants in the Time of their being Sheriffs, run away in their Debts so that they are Left without a Remidy.

6 By Makeing owners of Vessells pay 10 peaces of 8 for the Registring their Vessells tho of but 30 Tuns where as in other ports they pay not Above Two peices of 8 for all charges:

7 By Exacting from the Tenants of the Kings Lands as much more Quit Rent Yearly as they payd in the former Govern<sup>rs</sup> Time.

For Redrefs of Some of those Greivances  
Tis Humbly Propofed

1. That your Lordships will be pleased to haue the Opinion of the Judge of the Court of Admiralty In England touching the vice Admiralls fees about Veffells Running aground upon the Rocks and Also About Wreck goods which are found upon the Spanish Coast, or Other places not belonging to Bermuda or other of his Maj<sup>ty</sup> English plantations:

2. Veffells not to be Stopped under pretence to Carry the Govern<sup>r</sup> Letters and if Aboue 48 Hours and upon urgent Occasions then by order of Gov<sup>r</sup> and Councill:

3. Owners of Veffells to pay but 2 peices of 8 for all the Charges of Registring their Veffells as in other plantations:

4. That the Sheriffs be Chosen out of the Inhabitants only and to Continue in their office but for one year as in England:

5. That the Tenants of the Kings Lands pay to the Gov<sup>r</sup> no more Quit Rent Yearly then was formerly paid in Coll<sup>d</sup> Recheirs Time

And that the Inhabitants may Build for them Selues houses in Charles Town or Other Common Land Laid out for Town Shipps without paying for the Ground or for Raifing Stones to Build them.

And inasmuch as M<sup>r</sup> Day and Some of his prediceffors haue taken to themselves the proffitts of the Gleabs and other Lands Given for Maintaining minifters and Schoolm<sup>n</sup>:

That the Succeeding Govern<sup>r</sup> demand all those Rents and take Care that they be applyed to the end for which they were given and that he Demand of M<sup>r</sup> Day the Church plate Linnen for the Cummunion Table and Books:

And Finally as the Best and only means for preventing  
the

the Succeeding Govern<sup>r</sup> from Oppressing the Inhabitants by Arbitrary Practices as has been formerly done, in those Islands to Raife a Maintainance. Its humbly proposed that the Govern<sup>r</sup> of Bermuda have an allowance not Less then 500 £ a Year to Support them in their Govern<sup>mt</sup>. Proviissions and all Necessary, being very Scarce and Deare.

All which is humbly Submitted

No<sup>ber</sup> 15

By

1700

ED. RANDOLPH

[*Signature and date in Randolph's handwriting*]

[*Endorsed*]

Bermuda

M<sup>r</sup> Randolph's Account  
of the present State of the  
Bermuda Islands

Rec<sup>d</sup> }  
Read } Nov<sup>r</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> 1700

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CXC.

RANDOLPH TO BLATHWAYT ON THE PROPRIETARY COLONIES.

*Collection of the Rev. W. T. Blathwayt.*

No<sup>ber</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> 1700:

S<sup>r</sup>:

Amongst other papers I sent a copy of the Narratiue of M<sup>r</sup> Penns Entrance vpon his Gom<sup>t</sup> of Pennsilvania . since which D<sup>r</sup> Bray<sup>401</sup> & Georg Keeth mett with M<sup>r</sup> Trent a Merc<sup>t</sup> &

<sup>401</sup> This is the famous Dr. Thomas Bray, one of the founders of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, and the pioneer of parochial lending libraries both in England and in America (*Calendar of State Papers, America and West Indies*, 1696, nos. 268 and 1050).

& inhabitant lately come from thence: who affirms the most materiall passages in that Narratiue to be true: as his taking away from the Inhabitants of Phyladelphia the Grant of their freedome & Town ship . his being present in the Meeting house at the Election of Assembly men, & overawing the poeple: His getting a duty to be laid vpon wine and all liquors imported for 2 years which will amount to aboue 1000<sup>l</sup> p. an: but he hoped & expected that they would raise him an equivalent in ready money: some write from thence to Georg Keeth that he is weary of the Gom: & will appoint a Deputy:

There were also inclosed my proposall to my M<sup>r</sup> about the great quantities of Tobacco yearely carried from Virginia etc: to the Other plantations more then the consumption of those places requires. & also proposalls for preventing the same for the future in which was a short but Apocryphall discourse about the Grant of 1 penny p pound to the [College] in Virginia<sup>402</sup>: which if I had presented it either to my M<sup>r</sup> or to y<sup>r</sup> Board would haue brought y<sup>e</sup> state as well as the church vpon my Eares. (I haue too heavy a load of high displeasure from S<sup>r</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Southwell. I haue not been as yet admitted to waite vpon nor haue seen M<sup>r</sup> Southwell.) and haue therefore expunged that vnseasonable tho' true part of my obseruation vpon the exportation of Tobacco:.

Tis now nigh 3 weekes ago That I waited vpon the E of Bath the Lord Palatine (as he dreams) of the Bahama ~~Indies~~ & of Carolina: I found his lordsh<sup>ps</sup> much affected with the new

<sup>402</sup> The document referred to is that printed *supra*, Vol. V. p. 230, but it contains no allusion to the College; evidently Randolph has, as he says, expunged the

passage. For the facts, see *Calendar of State Papers, America and West Indies*, 1697, p. 664.

new dignity . yet has a minde to be selling his proprietary ship . as I am since well assured from One who was consulted about it the others are weary of it: & now I find the design of their magnifying Carolina Especially, as very often sett out in y<sup>e</sup> publick prints . which makes his Lordsh<sup>ps</sup> very vnwilling to part with his share in the Gom<sup>rs</sup> of that province, Tho' he acknowledges he getts nothing by it: yet twill make his part (as he thinks) se<sup>m</sup> the better. his Lordsh<sup>ps</sup> was very inquisitive about the managem<sup>t</sup> of M<sup>r</sup> Blake his Deputy & the present Gon<sup>l</sup> I gaue him some short hints: of his high misdemeanors done there vpon M<sup>rs</sup> of Vessells in obstructing trade and seizing & Condemning them illegally: Now Blake is supported by M<sup>r</sup> Amy & Coll Trott two other proprietors: and now the former difference between his Lordsh<sup>ps</sup> & them, openly increaseth: for my lord has commanded Blake to come to Engd to answere the matters charged vpon him: Amy did assent in expectation of Going Gon<sup>l</sup> theither but his lordsh<sup>ps</sup> is resolved ag<sup>t</sup> it. And now Coll Trott has been with me severall tymes and I find by him that M<sup>r</sup> Amy (his father in law) is for surrendring vp the Gon<sup>l</sup> to the King provided he or his son Trott may haue a Commission from his Ma<sup>ty</sup> to be Gon<sup>l</sup> of that province . for they are Resolved to oppose the palatine & be no longer vnder his direction which is the Cause they haue had no meeting these yeare or two: & I find the Earl will no nothing till Blake comes to Eng<sup>d</sup>. Butt Coll Trott: is driving another Bargaine for himselfe separte from his father Amy (as he sayes) and that is as follows —

Hee assures mee That if his Ma<sup>ty</sup> will please to grant him a lease of 31: yeares of all the Bahama Islands vpon paying his Ma<sup>ty</sup> the Tenth part of all Brazelett wood carried yearly from

from thence & of wrecks & other perquisites now in the Lords proprieties: That he will discover such a Blott in their Lordships Title both to those Islands & also to Carolina. That they cannot recover nor will any one of them bear 5<sup>th</sup> charge (as Mr Trott tells me) to defend their Title: for in truth they gett nothing by it their Deputyes share all the profit & leaues their Lordships at home as Hostages for their Good behaviour Onely: Thus farr with Coll Trott:

But: I find that the Charter Granted to y<sup>e</sup> Gon<sup>l</sup> & Company of the Bermuda, was in all things as full as any Charter granted to the other proprietors: as ye Lord Baltimore: the Virginia Charter etc: yet they were all vacated by the High misdemeanors of their Gon<sup>l</sup>. as appears vpon Record.

Now I haue as plaine proofes of piracy ag<sup>t</sup> Read Elding Gon<sup>l</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> Bahama Islands of vnheard of Injustice vnder pretence of putting the Acts of Trade in Execution & forcing Mr<sup>s</sup> of vessells to pay as ye Gon<sup>l</sup> demanded: ag<sup>t</sup> Mr Blake the Gon<sup>l</sup> of Carolina: And as much vnder the hand & seal of Mr Markhams Mr Penns Gon<sup>l</sup> all which I shall draw vp into Articles ag<sup>t</sup> them severally with sufficient vouchers to proue each Article. in which I am not to forgett freind Archdale. who harboured pyrates: Entertained known illegall Traders & connived at them: etc: all which when it please God you return I shall lay before your Board when you can be at leifure to be there. heartily wishing the continuance of health & happines to you & y<sup>r</sup> I am in all duty

. your Lordships

my most humble service to Mr  
Povey: his Lady & family  
were well yesterday.

most obedient &  
most humble ser<sup>t</sup>  
ED RANDOLPH:

[Endorsed]



[Endorsed]

19 Nov. 1700  
From M Randolph

## CXCI.

RANDOLPH TO BLATHWAYT ON HIS DIFFICULTIES WITH  
THE CUSTOMS.*Collection of the Rev. W. T. Blathwayt*Right Hon<sup>ble</sup>:No<sup>br</sup> 23 : 1700.

This evening I have a Message sent me from a freind belonging to the Custome house: advising that the Comm<sup>rs</sup> are told I have discourfed reflectingly vpon their Manage: I confesse vpon your directions as one of y<sup>e</sup> Lords Comm<sup>rs</sup> for Trade I did lay before your Board a Narratiue of my Journall: & also duplicates of the papers I transmitted in mine of y<sup>e</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> past. which I have received from M<sup>r</sup> popple: & corrected Them but delay the returning them till your arrivall: I guesse some of your Board may have discourfd accidentally with some person That has told some of ye Comm<sup>rs</sup> that my papers containe custome house busines

Tis true, That I have attended with my papers twife or thrice every weeke, they are so busy that they have not tyme to heare one read. they made an entrance vpon my Narratiue: & some tyme after heard my paper shewing the losse his Ma<sup>ty</sup> has in his customs vpon tobacco shipd from the plantations on the Continent to y<sup>e</sup> Other plantations But have not as yet read my proposalls to prevent it & will perhaps lay me & them both aside: I expect that the Lords Comm<sup>rs</sup> for Trade will take care of me & hope my readines at all tymes

tymes to lay before their Lordships all matters relating to Trade to Customs & to improving the Revennue, shall not be my Ruine whilst I haue done my duty to preferue them: I haue no freind but God & you to stand by me. I know not how farr I may be preff'd but I am well assured I cannot beare vp against The potent Interest of my Masters: I shall be heartily glad to see you & M<sup>r</sup> Povey (to whom my humble service) safe returned. with my humble duty presented. I am

your lordships  
most obliged &  
most humble seru<sup>t</sup>;  
ED RANDOLPH..

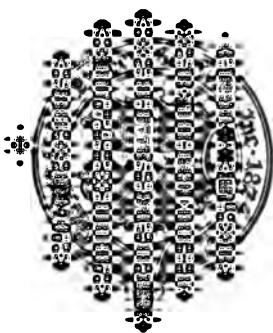
[*Addressed*] To the Right Hon<sup>ble</sup>  
M<sup>r</sup>. Blathwayt . at  
Durham: nigh  
Bristol:.

[*Endorsed*] 23 Nov. 1700  
From M Randolph





INSTITUTION SOCIETY.



## **Commonwealth of Massachusetts.**

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**IN THE YEAR ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND  
SEVENTY-FOUR.**

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### **AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE PRINCE SOCIETY.**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court  
assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

**SECTION 1.** John Ward Dean, J. Wingate Thornton, Edmund F. Slafter, and Charles W. Tuttle, their associates and successors, are made a corporation by the name of the PRINCE SOCIETY, for the purpose of preserving and extending the knowledge of American History, by editing and printing such manuscripts, rare tracts, and volumes as are mostly confined in their use to historical students and public libraries.

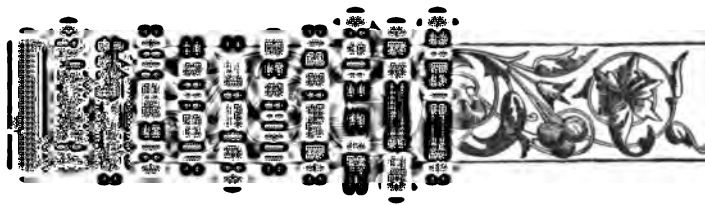
**SECTION 2.** Said corporation may hold real and personal estate to an amount not exceeding thirty thousand dollars.

**SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved March 18, 1874.

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**NOTE.**—The Prince Society was organized on the 25th of May, 1858. What was undertaken as an experiment has proved successful. This ACT OF INCORPORATION has been obtained to enable the Society better to fulfil its object, in its expanding growth.



## SOCIETY.

### ION.

called THE PRINCE SOCIETY;  
publication of rare works, in  
a.  
Society shall be a President,  
Secretary, a Recording  
other shall form the Council  
ded to the Society on the  
a confirmatory vote of a  
hold membership, and be  
shall accept the volumes  
from time to time, at the  
membership shall be forfeited by  
volumes.  
membership by resignation ad-  
provided, however, that he shall  
by the Society after the  
the Society's affairs shall  
keep a faithful record of its  
proceedings.



proceedings, and report the same to the Society annually, at its General Meeting in May.

ARTICLE V.—On the anniversary of the birth of the Rev. Thomas Prince, namely, on the twenty-fifth day of May, in every year (but if this day shall fall on Sunday or a legal holiday, on the following day), a General Meeting shall be held at Boston, in Massachusetts, for the purpose of electing officers, hearing the report of the Council, auditing the Treasurer's account, and transacting other business.

ARTICLE VI.—The officers shall be chosen by the Society annually, at the General Meeting; but vacancies occurring between the General Meetings may be filled by the Council.

ARTICLE VII.—By-Laws for the more particular government of the Society may be made or amended at any General Meeting.

ARTICLE VIII.—Amendments to the Constitution may be made at the General Meeting in May, by a three-fourths vote, provided that a copy of the same be transmitted to every member of the Society, at least two weeks previous to the time of voting thereon.

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## COUNCIL.

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### RULES AND REGULATIONS.

1. THE Society shall be administered on the mutual principle, and solely in the interest of American history.
2. A volume shall be issued as often as practicable, but not more frequently than once a year.
3. An editor of each work to be issued shall be appointed, who shall be a member of the Society, whose duty it shall be to prepare,

pare, arrange, and conduct the same through the press; and, as he will necessarily be placed under obligations to scholars and others for assistance, and particularly for the loan of rare books, he shall be entitled to receive ten copies, to enable him to acknowledge and return any courtesies which he may have received.

4. All editorial work and official service shall be performed gratuitously.

5. All contracts connected with the publication of any work shall be laid before the Council in distinct specifications in writing, and be adopted by a vote of the Council, and entered in a book kept for that purpose; and, when the publication of a volume is completed, its whole expense shall be entered, with the items of its cost in full, in the same book. No member of the Council shall be a contractor for doing any part of the mechanical work of the publications.

6. The price of each volume shall be a hundredth part of the cost of the edition, or as near to that as conveniently may be; and there shall be no other assessments levied upon the members of the Society.

7. A sum, not exceeding one thousand dollars, may be set apart by the Council from the net receipts for publications, as a working capital; and when the said net receipts shall exceed that sum, the excess shall be divided, from time to time, among the members of the Society, by remitting either a part or the whole cost of a volume, as may be deemed expedient.

8. All moneys belonging to the Society shall be deposited in the New England Trust Company in Boston, unless some other banking institution shall be designated by a vote of the Council; and said moneys shall be entered in the name of the Society, subject to the order of the Treasurer.

9. It shall be the duty of the President to call the Council together, whenever it may be necessary for the transaction of business, and to preside at its meetings.



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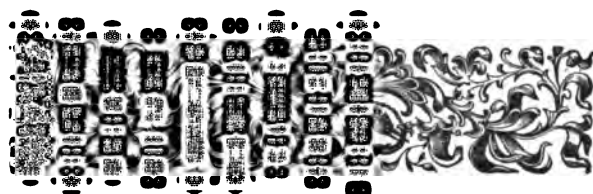
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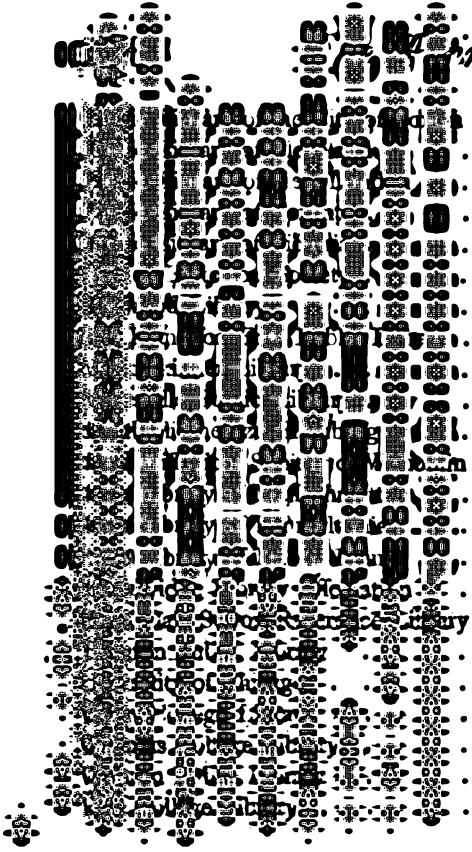


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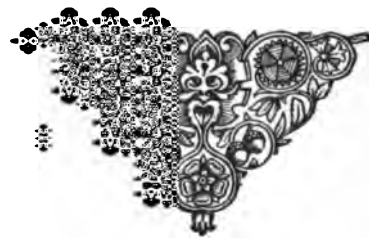
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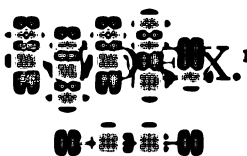
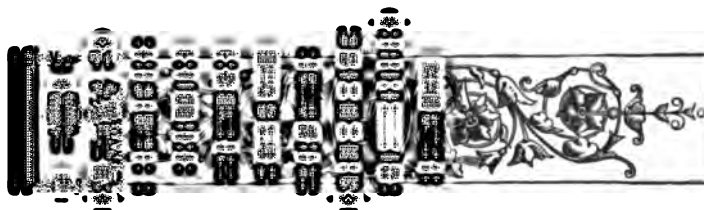


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